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Presidential Address

To the 117th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society
Adyar, 26 December 1992

On this opening day of the 117th International Convention of the TS, it is with a sense of happiness, which I am sure you share, that I warmly welcome all of you at Adyar. Being privileged to meet in this beautiful centre and bathe in its uplifting atmosphere, let us remember the many members all over the world who are with us in spirit, though not in body, with whom we share the ardent desire to see the world in a happier and more peaceful condition, and who like us seek wisdom for the sake of others. Let us also open our hearts to the Holy Ones who show the way to all those who seek selflessly, and guide every person who is prepared to learn:

May Those who are the embodiments of Love immortal bless with Their help and guidance this Society founded to be a channel for Their work. May They inspire it with Their wisdom, strengthen it with Their power and energize it with Their activity.

Since we met here last, sad events have happened—famine, 'ethnic cleansing', communal conflicts and so forth. We are said to be in the Kali Yuga or Dark Age. Its characteristics are described in books. But we do not need those books to know what it is. We have only to see what is around us, note the special features of the day, and we are in a position to deduce from these symptoms what is meant by the Dark Age of Kali.

The first of these symptoms is violence, the quality of *a-suras*, those whose energy is turned away from the divine. The *Bhagavadgītā* (sixteenth chapter) describes such souls in detail,

and I hope you will pardon me if I quote at length:

Hypocrisy, arrogance and conceit, wrath and also harshness and unwisdom are his who is born. O Partha, with demoniacal properties....

Demoniacal men know neither right energy nor right abstinence; nor purity, nor even propriety, nor truth is in them....

Surrendering themselves to insatiable desires...held in bondage by a hundred ties of expectation, given over to lust and anger, they strive to obtain by unlawful means hoards of wealth for sensual enjoyments....

'This today by me hath been won, that purpose I shall gain; this wealth is

mine already, and all this shall be mine in future.

'I have slain this enemy, and others also I shall slay. I am the lord, I am the enjoyer, I am perfect, powerful, happy;

'I am wealthy, well-born; what other is there that is like unto me?...I will sacrifice, I will give alms, I will rejoice.' Thus deluded by unwisdom, bewildered by numerous thoughts, enmeshed in the web of delusion, addicted to the gratification of desire, they fall downwards into a foul hell.

Given over to egoism, power, insolence, lust and wrath, these malicious ones hate Me [the Divine] in the bodies of others and in their own.

All the traits described in these ancient verses are vividly projected in relief in the happenings and trends of the last decades and years. In the mindless destruction of the earth's resources, the conceit and confidence of genetic engineers and behavioural scientists who believe in violating nature, in the fanaticism of the pseudo-religious leaders, and in the maneuvering of the powermongers and money-makers, the dark energies are at work. This consumerist society of ours is made up of people 'surrendering themselves to insatiable desires', who know 'neither right energy, nor right abstinence'. It is worth our while to study the *Gītā's* description to make a sharper assessment of our contemporary society.

When Madame Blavatsky was questioned about the Kali Yuga, she said:

All causes now bring about their effects much more rapidly than in any other or better age....In this age there are great triumphs of science, but they are nearly

all directed to *effects* and do not take away the *causes* of the evils.

Incidentally, we may note her curiously prophetic remark made in this context about the future appearance of new diseases and strange disorders, springing from 'causes that lie deep in the minds of men and which can only be eradicated by spiritual living'.

Causes lie not only at the outer visible level, but at the invisible level of the human psyche, its motivations, ideations and desires. In this age, as everyone can observe, because the pace of life has quickened and pressures are intense, the distortions in the human psyche, its false perceptions and self-promoting goals, constitute causes which rapidly crystallize into tense situations, mutual aversions, and instability of many kinds. But the swifter pace of life means also that when a significant change takes place in the minds of at least a certain number of persons, a quicker evolution in the right direction could take place. When the psychic personality is freed of its illusions and egotistic feeling of separation, there is an opening of consciousness to the spiritual; spiritual energies find a receptacle in the purified mind.

This casts an enormous responsibility on those who recognize the dangers and illusions in the present predicament of humanity. Those who are unaware are exempt from responsibility, as they act in ignorance, *avidyā*. But those who see and understand must act—the action being to bring about a deep change within, so that the mind becomes a

pure channel of divine energies.

This is not impractical fanciful idealism. As Annie Besant stated: 'When spiritual forces are liberated the intellectual life of the nation [we may add, of the world] will also leap forward with tremendous energy, the emotional life of the nation will show fresh development, and even on the lowest plane of all, the physical, results will be brought about entirely beyond anything that could have been achieved by the energies of the physical plane which are set to work and which apparently cause these results.'

The most urgent need of human beings at present, it seems to me, is to discover the beauty and purpose of life. Vast numbers of people are floundering through their lives, trying to inject meaning into their experiences and activities by directing them towards ephemeral goals—usually pleasure or success. But life does not yield happiness and significance as pre-planned by the self-centred mind, or in accordance with the notions prevalent in a delusion-ridden society. Much of the malaise of the modern man and woman—frustration, insecurity, alienation, ineptitude in relationship, and so forth—is the outcome of having wrong goals which can never be fulfilled, even in a hundred lives, because they are out of tune with the symphony of life.

Life becomes meaningful and one's time upon earth joyous when from within there is the sounding of a chord, perhaps a very muted one, of the universal purpose, when the mind is not seeking to achieve something for

the self. 'Through struggling, the unintelligent perceive Him not', the word 'Him' here connoting the divine essence of things. The leaders of humanity must learn 'a new alphabet in the lap of Mother Nature', as HPB pointed out. A fresh approach is needed and some men and women, even children, must garner their moral strength to show the way.

The mind that is moral is characterized by not wanting to get anywhere. It does not desire success, nor cling to comfort and pleasure. It has a serene and humble response to everything—to people around whether they seem likeable or not, to creatures of every variety, wild or domestic, to the multifarious intimations flowing through the contacts and experiences in which it finds itself. The nuances of life's message must be listened to reverently, laying aside the ego. Every envoy that the Lords of Karma send—and all things great and small are their messengers—must be met without trying to get something from the encounter.

People and things do not exist for us to derive benefit out of them, to satisfy our sense of importance, our lust or love of power. They all exist to teach us about the underlying truth, the indwelling grace. When we meet them with sympathy, kindness, friendship, we imbibe from them by the harmony and sense of oneness a benefit which by far outweighs any material gain—that is, insight into what really is, in the depths, as essence, intangible but true.

So, our Society's work is not to try to gather into our ranks the merely

clever people, who are bent on making a mark on the world by their achievement, but to form a strong nucleus of those who realize there is an imperative need for inner change. Ideas and intellect are not enough; the darkness of Kali Yuga seems to be aggravated by them. Our work is to bring together people who are genuinely compassionate, self-denying, aspiring to wisdom and labouring for the common good.

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The General Secretary of the Indian Section, Dr C.V. Agarwal reports an increase of 335 members and the founding of 6 new lodges, which is more than the total strength of several small sections. He refers to the great importance of study and understanding, for rendering service that can truly bring about the good. Towards this end, several study camps and courses were organized and a booklet on Theosophy and the Theosophical Society was brought out. Special issues of the monthly magazine of the Section were published in order to present the members with substantial material on important subjects. Among the publications of the year were a Marathi translation of *The Key to Theosophy* and an Oriya translation of *Practical Occultism*.

The General Secretary mentions two special programmes. One was to awaken the conscience of people about cruelty to animals. Even people who are sensitive, he points out, become unwittingly party to the atrocities committed on animals because they do

not get educated on how various products are manufactured. Organized effort is necessary to awaken public opinion in favour of kindness to animals. He has spoken on this subject in many places, using video films to drive home the horrors and mobilize support to prevent cruelty.

Another important programme was the contacting of neighbouring Sections and lodges. Correspondence was carried on with the only lodge we have in Bangladesh in the town of Comilla. Bengali and English books were donated to this lodge and plans are being made to send some Bengali-speaking lecturers there. Dr Agarwal went to Sri Lanka in May to stimulate interest. He participated in the Indo-Pacific Conference held in New Zealand, and on the way visited Singapore, with a view to discuss dissemination of Theosophy in Malaysia and nearby areas.

Computerization was introduced in the office to facilitate recording of the large membership. The financial position has improved, making expansion of the work possible.

The year saw the departure of several valued workers. Mr Ramjivan Sinha was for long a member of the Indian Section's Executive Committee and Council, and a strong pillar of the work in the State of Bihar. Mr Narayan Mahapatra of Cuttack, in Orissa, was another prominent worker who passed away, as did Mr M.S. Prasad who was for several years National Director of the TOS.

The General Secretary of the Sri Lankan Section says that the visit of Dr C.V. Agarwal was an outstanding

event. During the fortnight he was there, contact was renewed with some institutions established by Col. Olcott. There were several meetings and interviews with media personnel. The work is mainly centred in Colombo. Several lodges are dormant, and more visits and effort will be needed to make Theosophy strong in this land. Pakistan had as its guest lecturer for several weeks Mrs Denise Taggart from England. They are looking forward to other such visitors.

Though the American Section has the second largest membership after India, its total strength is less than half that of the Indian Section. The National President, Mrs Abbenhouse says that it was a year of estimating the value of programmes, such as the fieldwork. The activities of the departments—education, library, publication, and so on—continued as usual. Mr Steve Schweitzer was sent by the Section for several weeks to Adyar to prepare a video film about the International Headquarters for world-wide distribution. The Theosophical Order of Service in the United States, under Jean Gullo, had a wide-ranging programme. A service guide *Living the Wisdom: A Guide to Social Transformation* was brought out. 'Circles for Peace' are said to be growing rapidly, involving many in meditation for peace. There are forty-five healing groups. Other activities of the American TOS include work for animals, prisoners, and the environment.

There was a major change in Canada, where for a long time there were two groups of lodges and members, namely the Canadian

Section and the Canadian Federation. The origin of these two bodies goes back to the first quarter of this century. Normally, the TS does not approve of the existence of separate bodies in the same place, since its aim is to unite all members in a nucleus of universal brotherhood. Only when there are 'serious and weighty reasons', lodges or individuals are permitted to leave the concerned National Society and become directly attached to the International Headquarters. There were such reasons to allow a Federation independent of the Section in Canada.

However the Canadian Section (called in recent years 'The TS in Canada') took steps in 1991 to alter the picture. Registered in 1976 as a corporation under the laws governing business corporations in Canada, some changes were made in its by-laws which were incompatible with the Rules and Regulations of the International Society. Though the then President Mr John Coats objected, the situation did not change. Last year, several amendments were again made to the by-laws eliminating all references to the International Society.

After discussion of the different aspects of the question, the General Council of the Society decided, at its meeting of 1 January 1992, that since all references to the International Society have been removed from its by-laws, the TS in Canada can no longer be considered as part of the International Society. The Canadian Federation thus now remains the only body affiliated to the International Society and recognized as a

constituent.

The Canadian Federation has now, according to its Organizing Secretary Mr Hugh Jackson, 'a united and harmonious group of members' and is progressing slowly but steadily. A new lodge, named Blavatsky lodge, was chartered in Vancouver in June and inaugurated in September. A new study group named Sarasvati, the Indian goddess of wisdom, was also formed in Belleville, Ontario. Though a devoted member of the new Blavatsky lodge, Mrs Gladys Cooper, recently passed away, there is every hope that the Federation will gain enough strength to be soon chartered as a Section.

An important change in England was the establishment of a Foundation for Theosophical Studies, with the status of a charitable trust, which will enable the Section to save amounts heretofore paid as tax and rates. The Section supported the preparation of a video documentary on HPB sponsored by the Blavatsky Trust. They hope that the enterprise will place before a vast number of people all over the world a true picture of HPB's life, and stimulate them to study her teachings.

The membership of the English Section has been going down. I believe that the policy followed by some Sections of having a large number of unattached members is partly responsible for the decline in their membership. There is a constant source of inspiration in co-operative work. The principles and knowledge derived from study are put to the test in relationship with others. Learning to co-operate with people of varying

temperaments, meeting together in friendship, and understanding each other's strengths and weaknesses with affection—these are all a necessary training for theosophical work. The spirit of giving and taking responsibility develops through lodge work. Much is missed by those who are in isolation.

A distinguished scientist member of the English Section Dr E. Lester Smith, FRS, passed away at the age of 88 on 5 November. He was a leading light of the Research Group and brought out *Intelligence Came First* and other works. Another esteemed member who passed away in June at an advanced age was Miss G.M. Bowerman, who was an inspiration to many in theosophical living.

Both in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland there are difficult conditions. The headquarters building at Dublin has been encumbered in legal meshes laid by unscrupulous persons. It is a laborious matter to bring order again, which the group of committed members now in charge are trying to do, led by the Presidential Representative, Mrs W. Woods. Several members from overseas visited Dublin and gave talks. In Belfast the problem is different. Open publicity has to be avoided and Theosophy has to be brought to the attention of people quietly, through personal contacts. The Organizing Secretary quotes the words of KH to indicate how they seek to carry on: 'Be true, sincere and faithful; work for the cause, and our blessing will ever be upon you.'

The work in Scotland is concentrated in Edinburgh and Glasgow, with a small group at

Aberdeen. Their main means of communication is their magazine *Circles*. The Welsh Section has for long been unable to fulfil the minimum qualification of a Section. Hence the General Council decided at its last meeting to offer the choice to the Welsh lodges of becoming a Presidential Agency or part of the English Section. But this matter has been pending, as they propose that they may be certified as a Regional Association.

In France too some important changes were made in the by-laws, enabling members to exercise postal votes. The French magazine *Le Lotus Bleu*, originally started by HPB, is circulated to the Belgian and Swiss members who speak French, and sent to 200 libraries. Eighty out of the total of 706 members of the French Section are in the French-speaking countries of Africa, where in spite of many difficulties, they are carrying on. After much effort, governmental recognition was obtained for the TS in the Ivory Coast.

The Dutch Section co-operated with the European Federation and the International Theosophical Centre at Naarden in organizing two international seminars. Prior to that, Miss Joy Mills led a training week at the Centre. A summer school was also held as usual. The publication work of the Dutch Section has gone on steadily. It is reported that part of the Archives, stolen by the Nazis during the war, has been found in Moscow and there is a chance of its being returned. There have been difficulties in arriving at a harmonious way of

functioning, but given a genuine desire among the leading workers to establish co-operation, the prospect is not unhopeful.

The Belgian Section lost a much loved and valuable worker in Mr Charles Lallemand, who shed 'warmth and wisdom' on others. He and his wife, it is reported, did more than half of the administrative work of the Section. But the work goes on despite such losses, and the flame of Theosophy is kept alive by faithful souls. In Switzerland, eight lodges are active and the work is developing satisfactorily.

The Spanish Section had an increase of members. The Iberian days organized in Spain with Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Mr Isaac Jauli of Mexico as guests, brought together 186 members from Spain and Portugal. Attempts are being made to recover two properties which the Spanish Section had lost. The lodge in Madrid inherited the wherewithal to secure its own premises. The General Secretary for Portugal reports that branches are now participating more and there is a good group of workers. She and the Vice-General Secretary attended the seminar for workers at Naarden.

The Italian version of *Human Regeneration* was brought out during the year and a seminar on the subject was held in Jesolo (Venice) in September. A second seminar was held in Assisi in March, with the Chairman of the European Federation, Mr Curt Berg, the Vice-Chairman, Miss Tran Thi Kim Diêu and Madame Danielle Audoin to direct it. The General Secretary, Mr E. Bratina,

lectured in several places, but particularly mentions the one delivered at the University of Perugia. He notes that the membership in lodges remains stable; it is about 900 at present. But the members-at-large, who do not have first-hand information about Theosophy and the TS and who are only reading books, are 'floating'.

Work in the German Section proceeded steadily. The summer school held in July at St Martin marked the ninetieth anniversary of the Section, for which a commemorative brochure about the historical development of the TS was brought out. Attempts were again made to take Theosophy to East Germany, but without much success. The General Secretary, Mrs Eva Maas reports that the people are too preoccupied with everyday living and getting even with their neighbours in the West to respond to Theosophy. Questions after her lecture pertained largely to material problems.

A summer school was held by the Austrian Section at Rohrbach, with Miss Mary Anderson as a guest, speaking on the 'Origin and Evolution of Man according to *The Secret Doctrine*'. Mr Curt Berg and Miss Kim Diêu visited Vienna and gave lectures there and also at Ostrava and Bratislava in Czechoslovakia, but since then many difficulties are being encountered by the small theosophical group in this country, as governmental policy discriminates against non-Christian groups. This puts a heavy financial burden on the members when they wish to organize lectures or

do other necessary work. We have to await developments after the official separation of the Czech and Slovak republics. Meanwhile I have appointed Mr Ivan Kozlovsky as the Presidential Representative.

The membership in Hungary has been growing slowly. Several books were published with the aid of the Non-English Publications Fund. Mr Laszlo Reicher was appointed as Presidential Representative for Hungary, and he has been invited to attend the School of the Wisdom.

Much publicity has been given to the sad events in what used to be Yugoslavia. After the declaration of independence by Slovenia and Croatia, I had to cancel the Charter of the Yugoslav Section, and issue a certificate for the three lodges in Slovenia to be formed into a Regional Association. They have had an addition of sixteen members and are full of hope for the future. A summer school was held in Koper and their magazine 'Theosophical Thought' as well as other publications indicate the active state of Theosophy in Slovenia. In Zagreb, Croatia, there is a group, but we have not yet had close contacts with them.

The court case in Denmark is still pending. We shall know the position about the records, properties, etc., appropriated by the former General Secretary, only during the coming year after the case has been heard. A devoted group is carrying on in Copenhagen. The Swedish Section has six active lodges. It is reported that the turnover in their bookshop has increased. They had a summer school

as usual. A few new members have joined the small Norwegian Section. They plan to activate the dormant lodges in Bergen and Trondheim. It is of interest to note that students of the University of Bergen studied the history of the Norwegian Section for their M.A. degree.

At Reykjavik in Iceland, meetings are held almost every day. The headquarters building was completely renovated. Meditation courses conducted by the General Secretary attracted sixty to one hundred persons. Outside the capital, Akureyri has the largest and most active lodge. It has acquired premises for itself jointly with Co-Masons. The summer school was held as usual with good participation.

The Finnish Section has taken responsibility to build up interest in the Baltic countries. The General Secretary Mrs Kirsti Elo visited Tallinn, capital of Estonia, and also Vilna and Kaunas in Lithuania. A lodge named after HPB was chartered in Tallinn, as part of the Finnish Section, and five hundred books were presented for a library. Mr Hannu Vienonen has been visiting Estonia regularly, and Mr Curt Berg also went to Vilna and Kaunas. Contacts are improving all round. We have every reason to look forward to revival of theosophical work in the Baltic area, despite the problem of making literature available in several different languages.

The Chairman of the European Federation, Mr Curt Berg, and the Vice-Chairman, Miss Kim Diêu, gave much of their energy and attention to developments in Eastern Europe, in

addition to carrying out their normal work elsewhere. Books in several languages were sent to East European countries and other forms of aid were extended. At the two seminars held at Naarden in July, fifteen persons from several countries of East Europe were present, including four from Russia, who had participated in *The Secret Doctrine* correspondence workshop, organized by the Friends of Blavatsky Society sponsored by 'Peace through Culture', whose secretary Mr A. Veselitsky also came. These seminars had as their theme 'The Central Work of the TS' and 'Europe and the World: Exploring Integration'. The main speakers were myself, Mr Curt Berg and Professor P. Krishna. It was a new experience for those who came for the first time, to participate and meet so many members from Europe and overseas. The European Federation has had some books, *At the Feet of the Master*, *The Ancient Wisdom* and *An Outline of Theosophy* printed in Russian at our Vasanta Press in time for one of them to be used for a course on Theosophy near Moscow this winter with Mr Curt Berg and Miss Kim Diêu, as lecturers. Both of them recently visited St Petersburg also to conduct a seminar there, with participation from several Finnish members besides the Russians. Much work must yet be done to re-establish the TS in this vast area. The European Federation's fund for East Europe and contributions from Adyar are supporting this work.

Mr Abraham Oron, leader of Tel Aviv lodge, who was present at the Naarden seminars, reports that they have now an apartment of their own, donated by

a member in Israel. There is increased interest as a result of several introductory and advanced courses, meditation sessions and lectures. A group has been formed in Ashdod, not far from Tel Aviv.

When the Indo-Pacific Federation held its conference in Auckland, New Zealand, it was decided that they would help the weaker areas. The Australian Section will foster work in Indonesia, where the Section is functioning with some difficulty. As already mentioned the Indian Section is contacting neighbouring areas. Lodges in Korea, Hong Kong and other places must be visited, and also regions like Thailand where Theosophy has so far never been introduced.

The Philippine Section is very active and the membership has grown to 416. A new publication called 'Peace Ideas' has been started and it is reported that provincial newspapers will devote a corner for this. A Theosophical Publishing House has been established and a branch bookshop opened in central Cebu. Other work goes on with enthusiasm.

Nippon lodge in Tokyo is the main one in Japan. There are two others in Nagoya and Osaka and a few stray members elsewhere. This area also needs help.

Studies and lectures go on regularly in East Africa. The National Lecturer Mr Reuben Thuku spoke numerous times over the radio and television. He gave lectures in forty-seven institutions and the General Secretary says: 'The seeds of Theosophy he is planting in young minds will one day blossom in their hearts.' Among the places

visited was Harare in Zimbabwe, which till now has been rather isolated.

Similarly, Fako lodge in the Cameroons, which was very much on its own, is now under the wing of the West African Section, which has 363 members. The General Secretary, Mr P. Kwakyi, says that he visited all lodges and centres in Ghana, and lectures drew good audiences. A workers' course was held, which included discussion on the role of the TS, training for functionaries, and study of the spiritual path, in addition to the annual Convention. The bookshop in Accra is the official agency for TPH Adyar. The work goes on satisfactorily throughout the Section, except in Liberia, where the impact of the civil war is still strong.

As already announced in *The Theosophist* and elsewhere, a World Congress of the TS will be held in Brazil next July with the theme 'Towards a Wise Mind and a Noble Society'. Preparations are going apace. The Brazilian Section published several books and two special issues of its magazine: one to commemorate the HPB Centenary and the other containing talks on *Light on the Path* which I gave. Dr Ravi Ravindra was the chief lecturer at the last summer school, speaking on the spiritual quest. Lectures were given in several new places. Research groups were started in the cities for the study of science, philosophy and comparative religion.

Miss Ianthe Hoskins was the guest at the Argentine summer school. The Section had five national gatherings

and two youth camps. Activities were started in two new places. Lodge Luz, in Buenos Aires, celebrated its centenary in November.

In Colombia, it is reported that emphasis was laid on participation, integration, and the broadening of relationship. Basic courses under the title of 'Global Approach to Theosophical Thought' were conducted. A 'Theo-family' movement was activated and a meditation group started. At the seventh congress of the Section held in May, eighty-three members participated.

The smaller Sections of South America have steadily carried on. The Inter-American Federation sent several lecturers to them. It is reported that in Peru the TS has difficulties because it is regarded as a religious group, but they are hopeful about the future. There was a summer school in Bolivia for three days. In two cities of Chile there is theosophical activity; efforts must be made to expand into other areas.

Membership in Mexico is growing and stands at 399. An International Congress was held in June, with several overseas lecturers. A modest publication programme began with the printing of Ravi Ravindra's *Whispers from the Other Shore* in Spanish. Mexico has taken much interest in activating work in nearby areas. Among visitors to this region was Mr Gabriel Burgos, former General Secretary of Colombia, who lectured at many lodges in Central America and Mexico, including two Spanish-speaking ones in the United States.

The lodges in Nicaragua were

contacted after years of isolation. New study centres were founded in Honduras and Panama. The headquarters of the Central American Section is peripatetic which makes communication difficult, especially because of the chaotic political conditions in the component countries. At present, the General Secretary Mrs Pilar Madrigal Nieto is from Costa Rica which is a stable area, and therefore accessible. She reports the passing on 18 March of Mr Jose B. Acuña, a learned member of long standing, and the holding of the fifth seminar for the Caribbean area at San Jose, Costa Rica in February last.

The Rules of the Australian Section have been modified to provide for a National President and a National Secretary, and Miss Joy Mills has been elected as National President from January 1993. She was the guest speaker at the Section's convention held in Hobart in January 1992. Jeanine Miller and other visitors also toured the country. However, there was a small decrease of membership. Among those who passed away during the year, mention might be made of Bishop Sten von Krusenstierna, who was known and loved in many countries of the world. The Theosophical Order of Service is active in Australia and supports a number of laudable projects in other countries.

The New Zealand General Secretary says that the coming together of people at their annual Convention, which coincided with the Centenary of HPB Lodge in Auckland and the Indo-Pacific Conference, was an educational and spiritual experience.

The National Lecturer, Mr Gavin Laurie, visited every branch and study centre. The membership now stands at 1808, showing a small increase over the last year's.

I am glad to report that at our International Headquarters at Adyar we have several new workers, mostly of the younger generation. Mr Pedro Oliveira from Brazil took charge as International Secretary in April of this year, after having lectured on the way in Portugal, Spain, England and Holland. His presence has relieved me of various items of work.

The School of the Wisdom has had very successful sessions. The first one in January-February of this year, on 'Esoteric Buddhism', was conducted by Miss Muriel Daw of England, supported by lectures by Mr Achyut Patwardhan and others. The more recent one on Krishnamurti's teachings took place from October to December, with Dr Sunanda Patwardhan and later Dr Krishna Nath as Directors. The standard of discussion and study, and the attendance and interest, were very satisfactory.

The Theosophical Publishing House continued to do well. Justice A.R. Bakshi's book *Man and the Universe* is getting printed. A selection of HPB's writings under the title *HPB Teaches* was compiled by Mr Michael Gomes and published. A booklet on Yogic Practices by Mr S.S. Varma, explaining the meaning of *yama* and *niyama*, was also brought out. Office work is getting computerized and a systematic effort is being made to improve the appearance of the books with the assistance of Miss Silvia Sanchez, a

young Spanish member, who has recently joined the staff.

In the Adyar Library and Research Centre the research and publication work is going on steadily. Preliminary steps towards a collaborative programme with the University of Chicago have been taken. Miss K. Jaishree, a young member of the staff, was sent to Lucknow for training in conservation work at the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage. Dr E.R. Sreekrishna Sarma of the library received the national award for Samskrit scholars from the President of India.

Our Maintenance Department has had an extremely busy year. We are thankful to Mr Brian Milne who came from England for several months to help with major renovation and maintenance work. Procedures in the department have been improved under the new Superintendent, Mr G. Raghavan. Many of the buildings in our estate are old and maintenance costs are heavy. Despite this, we raised enough funds to construct proper classrooms for the Olcott Memorial School, where previously we had thatched sheds which required frequent replacement. Two new houses have been built in Besant Gardens.

The Olcott Education Society's work includes the running of the Olcott Memorial School, the HPB Hostel, the Social Welfare Centre and the Banyan Centre for Educators. It also channels donations for the education of girl students after they finish school.

Its work and our headquarters in general suffered a grievous loss in the passing of Mr Achyut Patwardhan on 5

August 1992. The esteem in which he was held all over India, his knowledge of many subjects and benevolent nature, as well as his profound interest in helping the poor, entitled him to a special place in several of our activities. Adyar lost two other workers around the same time, namely Mr Ch. Sankar Rao, Assistant Treasurer, and Mr P.D. Venkatesh who assisted the General Manager.

In the last five years, the results arrived at in the school final examinations by the Olcott Memorial School have been increasingly satisfactory, rising from 32% in 1988 to 72% in this year. The boys and girls have been provided with a variety of programmes: craft training, environmental lessons, scouting, music and so forth. We are grateful to Miss Ahalya Chari and Mr G. Gautama for the valuable direction they gave which has made this a school for underprivileged children with special features.

The HPB Hostel for boys is doing well under the new Superintendent, Mrs Dhanalakshmi Murugesan. We plan to construct a new building in 1993 so that there is enough space to admit girls also. Donations are being received from Mrs Ingiborg Olafsdottir of Iceland to provide financial help for higher education to girls from needy families when they pass out of school creditably.

Mrs Swarnagowri Govindaraj took charge as Superintendent of the Social Welfare Centre during the year and has brought about various improvements. About 150 infants are being given free breakfast and lunch

and looked after in the Centre during the day. Free medical service, as well as training in tailoring and weaving are given to the poor. We hope to develop the Centre in the coming year.

In one part of our Besant Gardens, animal welfare work has been going on for several years, in collaboration with the Blue Cross of India, under a legal agreement. One of the conditions for collaboration provides for terminating the agreement on six months' notice. For reasons carefully considered by our Executive Committee, the required notice was given to the Blue Cross, beginning on 1 March 1992. Unfortunately, they have violated the letter and spirit of the agreement and refused to leave. We have therefore instituted legal proceedings against them. When the lawsuit is satisfactorily settled, we shall conduct the animal welfare work ourselves.

My travels have taken me to various parts of India this year. The work included the conducting of week-long study camps at the Indian Section Headquarters at Varanasi and in the city of Ahmedabad in Western India, and lectures at a number of conferences in other parts of India. The Vice-President has also been to some Federation conferences. In addition to these journeys in India, I was in Europe for the previously mentioned seminars at Naarden and at the English summer school at Nottingham.

Many members and even officers of the Sections abroad do not realize how much work is being done at Adyar. Though new helpers come, as new developments are taking place, heavy

work falls on the shoulders of all the responsible members. My own duties could hardly be fulfilled except for the willing cooperation, fidelity to the TS, and unstinting labours of the colleagues who work unseen and unknown to the theosophical world at large. I would like to place on record

the deep gratitude we owe to all of them, as to the many unknown Theosophists who are rendering valuable anonymous service in other places. Through the efforts of the well known and unknown Theosophists may the world be blessed, and all beings find peace.

RADHA BURNIER

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 1992**

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-3-1992

Rs. 451,599 were spent on charitable work this year and Rs. 3,963,670 on propagation of Theosophy. These have been financed from current income and other funds. This year there is a deficit of Rs. 19,498 against a surplus of Rs. 11,628 last year. However the overall financial position is quite satisfactory.

As for departments, the following may be noted:—

The Adyar Library and Research Centre—The net cost of running the Adyar Library during the year was Rs. 172,070 against Rs. 192,844 of the previous year.

Garden Department—The cultivation account shows a gross return of Rs. 271,426 against Rs. 172,485 last year. Still, there is a net deficit of Rs. 69,391 and this is mainly due to the increase in the general maintenance expenditure.

Maintenance Department—The total amount spent on maintaining the estate during this year amounted to Rs. 1,972,005 against Rs. 1,902,081 during last year. Steps have been taken to tighten controls and establish satisfactory procedures as directed by the auditors.

The Theosophical Publishing House—The TPH has shown a surplus of Rs. 900,819 this year against Rs. 546,144 last year. This is largely due to the devaluation of the rupee and increase in royalty receipts, copyright fees, sale of replenishment licences and reduction in payment of royalty.

The Vasanta Press—The press has shown a surplus of Rs. 1,290 against Rs. 3,685 last year.

3-8-1992

A. SABRY
Hon. Treasurer

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED

(From 1 April 1991 to 31 March 1992)

Name of the Section				1990-91	1991-92
				Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in	Africa, East and Central	...	...	—	—
"	Africa, South	...	...	—	—
"	Africa, West	...	...	1,342	—
"	America, Central	...	...	—	—
"	Argentina	...	...	—	28,862
"	Australia	...	...	45,709	68,231
"	Austria	...	...	7,882	9,481
"	Belgium	...	...	12,810	15,244
"	Bolivia	...	...	179	5,283
"	Brazil	...	...	—	79,189
"	Canada	...	...	4,815	1,204
"	Chile	...	...	1,724	2,568
"	Colombia	...	...	1,400	1,400
"	Cuba	...	...	—	—
"	Denmark	...	...	—	3,979
"	England	...	...	—	—
"	Finland	...	...	90	52,347
"	France	...	...	116,266	—
"	Germany	...	...	—	20,144
"	Iceland	...	...	7,554	13,092
"	India	...	...	12,123	—
"	Ireland North	...	...	698	—
"	Ireland	...	...	1,793	642
"	Italy	...	...	41,165	65,468
"	Mexico	...	...	7,190	—
"	Netherlands	...	...	41,236	51,741
"	New Zealand	...	...	—	—
"	Norway	...	...	4,497	—
"	Pakistan	...	...	—	500
"	Peru	...	...	275	2,114
"	Philippines	...	...	5,749	—
"	Portugal	...	...	1,209	1,532
"	Puerto Rico	...	...	3,879	10,409
"	Scotland	...	...	899	1,296
"	Slovenia	...	...	1,780	3,141
"	Spain	...	...	10,237	19,861
"	Sweden	...	...	—	14,594
"	Switzerland	...	...	11,081	—
"	U.S.A.	...	...	192,024	250,639
"	Uruguay	...	...	4,387	3,081
"	Venezuela	...	...	895	1,300
"	Wales	...	...	—	870
Lodges attached to Adyar	...	...	...	12,133	2,653
Fellows at large	...	...	...	1,751	7,114
				554,772	737,979

As at 31-3-1991	LIABILITIES	Schedule No.	As at 31-3-1992	
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
	General Fund:			
17,566,350	Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...		18,797,637	
391,000	Add: Donations for Capital Additions		—	
802,561	„ Transfer from Adyar Estate Improvement Fund ...		1,121,171	
26,098	„ Transfer from Other Funds ...		109,267	
18,786,009			20,028,075	
—	Less: Transfer to Other Funds ...		53,920	
18,786,009	Surplus / (Deficit) for the year ...		19,974,155	
11,628			(19,498)	19,954,657
18,797,637				
15,397,652	Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund ...			18,026,108
12,292,131	Other Funds ...	5		14,195,078
1,999,055	Current Liabilities and Provisions ...	6		2,196,444
	Notes on Accounts ...	7		
48,486,475				54,372,287

In the opinion of the Executive Committee the Current Assets, Loans and Advances are approximately of the value stated if realized in the ordinary course of transacting the affairs of the Society and the Provision made in the accounts for all known liabilities is adequate.

AT 31 MARCH 1992

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our Report of even date.

THE THEOSOPHICAL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-1991	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-1992	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	Departments: (Net Expenditure)		
30,067	Bhojanasala	29,156	
64,855	Garden	69,391	
27,279	Leadbeater Chambers	71,359	
1,576,290	Maintenance	1,972,005	2,141,911
	Charitable Work:		
7,789	Animal Welfare	3,436	
—	Education	344,343	
8,450	Distress Relief	20,113	
30,063	Free Dispensary	37,591	
7,077	Medical Treatment	10,165	
9,026	School Fees and Books	8,852	
34,000	Social Welfare work	24,126	
3,647	Miscellaneous	2,973	
1,798,543		451,599	
—	<i>Less: Govt. of India Grant</i>		
69,989	utilized for school	313,761	
	Transfer from Other Funds	58,600	372,361
1,728,554			79,238
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
339,470	Adyar Library	348,278	
1,459,380	The Theosophical Publishing House	1,194,948	
231,255	The Theosophist and Adyar Newsletter	317,551	
1,165,184	The Vasanta Press	1,277,677	
66,256	School of the Wisdom	23,792	
5,886	Workers' Training Camp	10,037	
760	Information and Public Relations	8,098	
56	Non-English Publications	—	
17,489	Archives and Museum	42,226	
26,321	Theosophy Science Centre	13,990	
—	T O S International	6,663	
—	Donation of <i>The Secret Doctrine</i> to Russia	720,410	
5,040,611		3,963,670	
(5,942)	<i>Less: Transfer from Other Funds</i>	10,037	3,953,633
5,034,669			
	International Offices:		
55,120	President and Vice-President	76,026	
111,570	Treasurer	169,476	
49,372	Secretary	42,308	287,810
	Establishment:		
58,331	Headquarters	71,095	
21,499	General Manager's Office	31,882	
107,763	Movable Properties Department	96,372	
42,677	Sanitation Department	55,498	
279,820	Security Department	320,701	575,548
5,760,821			
	c/o		7,038,140

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1992

Year ended 31-3-1991	INCOME	Year ended 31-3-1992	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
146,627	Adyar Library	176,208	
2,008,229	The Theosophical Publishing House ...	2,158,907	
241,995	The Theosophist and Adyar Newsletter ...	290,385	
1,168,869	The Vasanta Press ...	1,278,967	
30,992	Theosophy Science Centre ...	8,262	3,912,729
277,282	General Donations ...		886,409
1,820,277	Interest ...		2,097,008
554,772	Fees and Dues ...		737,979
79,000	Licence Fees ...		72,000
144,794	Quarters Maintenance ...		138,218
7,175	Income from Surat Property ...		9,430
86,824	Miscellaneous Receipts ...		62,354
—	Deficit transferred to General Fund ...		19,498
6,566,836	c/o		7,935,625

THE THEOSOPHICAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-1991	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-1992
Rs.		Rs.
5,760,821	b/f	7,038,140
	Other Expenses:	
9,173	Insurance Premium	12,922
34,843	Legal and Court Expenses	27,412
26,907	Audit Fees	18,778
23,174	Rates and Taxes	1,809
439	Bank charges	303
621,984	Depreciation	710,797
30,938	Motor Car Expenses	34,574
46,055	Miscellaneous	90,890
874	Exchange difference	—
11,628	Surplus transferred to General Fund	—
6,566,836		7,935,625

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1992

A. SABRY
Hon. Treasurer

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-3-1994

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Rs.		Rs.
Departments (Net Expenditure)			
Garden ...	43,900	Garden ...	—
Bhojanasala ...	32,300	Adyar Library ...	183,800
Leadbeater Chambers ...	42,000	Theosophical Publishing House ...	619,000
Maintenance ...	20,26,000	The Theosophist and	
		Adyar Newsletter ...	243,300
Charitable Works		Vasanta Press ...	1,278,000
Animal Welfare ...	9,000	Donations (General) ...	700,000
Education ...	350,000	Interest ...	2,850,000
Distress Relief ...	35,000	Fees and Dues ...	600,000
Free Dispensary ...	43,000	Licence Fees ...	72,000
Medical Treatment ...	6,000	Quarters Maintenance ...	141,500
School Fees and Books ...	10,000	Miscellaneous Receipts ...	30,000
Social Welfare Work ...	50,000	Government Grants ...	250,000
		Excess of Expenditure	
Propagation of Theosophy		over Income ...	39,800
Adyar Library ...	406,500		
Theosophical Publishing House ...	301,700		
The Theosophist and			
Adyar Newsletter ...	291,800		
The Vasanta Press ...	1,289,000		
School of the Wisdom ...	25,000		
Workers Training Camp ...	10,000		
Information and Public			
Relations ...	10,000		
Archives and Museum ...	69,000		
Theosophy Science Centre ...	15,000		
International Offices			
President and			
Vice-President ...	90,000		
Treasurer ...	135,000		
Secretary ...	100,000		
Establishment			
Headquarters ...	77,000		
General Manager's			
Office ...	40,000		
Movable Properties			
Department ...	100,000		
Sanitation Department ...	60,000		
Security Department ...	350,000		
Other Expenses			
Insurance Premium ...	13,000		
Legal Expenses ...	31,000		
Audit Fees ...	35,000		
Taxes ...	60,000		
Bank Charges ...	200		
Depreciation ...	700,000		
Car Repairs ...	51,000		
Miscellaneous ...	100,000		
	<u>7,007,400</u>		<u>7,007,400</u>

OFFICERS

Executive Committee:

1. Mr. K. S. Srinivasan
2. Mr. S. S. Srinivasan
3. Mr. K. S. Srinivasan
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7. Mr. K. S. Srinivasan
8. Mr. K. S. Srinivasan
9. Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

General Manager: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

Public Library: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

Magazines: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

Currents: Mr. P. S. Srinivasan

Information: Mr. C. S. Srinivasan

Headmaster Chamber: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

Stalemate: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

Medical and Sanitary: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

Librarians: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

Journal and Archives: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

School of the Welfare: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

Security: Mr. D. V. Srinivasan

Architectural Planning: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

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Yashwanth: Mr. K. S. Srinivasan

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

INDIA

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 1992

Executive Committee:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
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| 2. Mr Surendra Narayan | <i>Vice-President</i> |
| 3. Mr Pedro Oliveira | <i>Secretary</i> |
| 4. Mr A. Sabry | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| 5. Mrs Norma Y. Sastry | <i>General Council Member</i> |
| 6. Mr S. S. Varma | " " |
| 7. Mr K. Visvanathan | |
| 8. Mr D. K. Govindaraj | |
| 9. Dr Hugh Gray | |

General Manager: Mr D. K. Govindaraj

Adyar Library: *Director:* Dr K. K. Raja

Librarian: Mrs Parvati Gopalaratnam

Bhojanasala: Mr M. K. Natarajan

Garden: Mr P. S. Venkataraman

Information: Mr C. Seshadri

Leadbeater Chambers: Mrs Uma Neelakanta

Maintenance: Mr G. Raghavan

Medical and Sanitary: Dr S. V. Joseph

Movable Properties: Mr S. M. Amarnath Rao

Museum and Archives: Mr Paul Zwollo

School of the Wisdom: *Director:* Miss Muriel Daw (Jan.-Feb. 1992)

Dr Sunanda Patwardhan and Dr Krishna Nath

(Oct.-Dec. 1992)

Security: Mr D. V. Subramaniam

Theosophical Publishing House: *Manager:* Mr R. Gopalaratnam

Editor: Mr G. K. R. Patri

The Theosophist: *Assistant Editor:* Mr G. Naganathan

Vasanta Press: Mr B. K. Rao

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 1992

National Societies and Sections		36					No. of Lodges and Study Centres	No. of Members
Regional Associations (formed under Rule 35(c))			3		Section			
Presidential Agencies			10	27.	Ireland, North	3	34	
Total Lodges and Study Centres			1,101	28.	Ireland, Rep. of	1	14	
Total Membership 1991			32,314	29.	Italy	50	1,097	
Total Membership 1992			31,525	30.	Mexico	15	396	
				31.	Myanmar	—	—	
				32.	Netherlands	18	604	
				33.	New Zealand	16	1,808	
				34.	Norway	4	57	
				35.	Pakistan	5	200	
				36.	Peru	2	30	
				37.	Philippines	11	416	
				38.	Portugal	12	247	
				39.	Puerto Rico	6	188	
				40.	Scotland	5	155	
				41.	Slovenia	2	66	
				42.	Spain	14	367	
				43.	Sri Lanka	8	45	
				44.	Sweden	6	198	
				45.	Switzerland	—	—	
				46.	U.S.A.	134	4,748	
				47.	Uruguay	—	—	
				48.	Venezuela	3	44	
				49.	Wales	2	79	
					Total	1,096	31,315	
Section	No. of Lodges and Study Centres	No. of Members						
1. Africa, East & Central	20	714						
2. Africa, South	5	278						
3. Africa, West	15	363						
4. America, Central	6	97						
5. Argentina	28	463						
6. Asia, South East	—	83						
7. Australia	14	1,372						
8. Austria	3	174						
9. Belgium	8	133						
10. Bolivia	8	60						
11. Brazil	47	1,078						
12. Canadian Federation	9	88						
13. Chile	6	57						
14. Colombia	—	—						
15. Cuba	16	557						
16. Czechoslovakia	1	20						
17. Denmark	—	—						
18. England	57	1,651						
19. Finland	20	489						
20. France	30	706						
21. Germany, West	8	251						
22. Greece	6	96						
23. Hungary	—	26						
24. Iceland	9	391						
25. India	448	10,925						
26. Indonesia	15	450						
				Lodges attached directly to Adyar				
				1.	Comilla (Bangladesh)	1	36	
				2.	Tel Aviv (Israel)	1	38	
				3.	Japan	3	60	
				4.	Korea	—	—	
				5.	Fellows at Large	—	76	
					Total	5	210	

(Does not include membership in areas and lodges attached to Adyar which have not sent reports)

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Theosophical Publishing House brought out during the year 1992 fourteen reprints such as *The Hidden Side of Things*, *The Science of the Sacraments* and *Masters and the Path* (unabridged) by C. W. Leadbeater, *Seven Great Religions* and *The Theosophic Life* by Annie Besant, *An Approach to Reality* by N. Sri Ram, *Principles of Theosophical Work* by I. K. Taimni, *Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible, Vols. 1 and 3* by Geoffrey Hodson, *The Purpose of Tragedy* by Hugh Shearman, Dr Besant's addresses to the World Parliament of Religions in 1893 with introduction by Joy Mills, under the title *The Universal Law of Life*, and *HPB Teaches—An Anthology* compiled by Michael Gomes.

The following four new titles are expected to be out by the first half of 1993: Justice A.R. Bakshi's *Man and the Universe*; *New Horizons in Indian Philosophy*, An Appraisal of J. Krishnamurti's Philosophical Method and His Vision of Truth by Dr J. P. Awasthi; *The Lonely Disciple* (a short biography of Swami T. Subba Row) by N. C. Ramanujachary; *Studies in the Mahatma Letters* by S. S. Varma; and

A Course in Theosophy by Danielle Audoin.

In addition, reprints of the following titles are also expected to be out in the first half of 1993: *Mahabharata* by Annie Besant, *Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita* by Swami T. Subba Row, *Gospel of Peace* (Guru Granth Saheb) by Duncan Greenlees, *Space, Time and Self* by E. Norman Pearson and *Glimpses of Masonic History* by C. W. Leadbeater.

Adyar Newsletter was given a face-lift with art paper and photographs, which we hope the readers will welcome.

We continue distribution of theosophical and J. Krishnamurti's books under the Book Gift Fund sponsored with generous donations by Mr J. K. Patnaik and Dr B. K. Patnaik of London.

We have computerized the subscriptions of *The Theosophist*, *Adyar Newsletter* and *Wake Up India*; also put on the computer some of the work for books to be printed by the Vasanta Press.

MR R. GOPALARATNAM
Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The activities of the Adyar Library have been going on satisfactorily. The financial position of the Library has much improved on account of the income from the Endowment Fund started at the time of the centenary of the Library. Preliminary work in collaboration with the University of Chicago has begun. Dr James Nye, of the Chicago University Library, had been here in connection

with further planning. The new Minolta Reader printer has arrived.

The Director, Dr K. Kunjunni Raja has been nominated by the Government of India as a member of the Planning Committee of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta. He is also a member of the Vidvat Parishad of the Tirupati Sanskrit Vidya-peetha and a member of its Publication Committee. Dr K. V. Sarma has been

nominated as Chairman of the Managing Committee of the Kuppaswami Sastri Sanskrit Research Institute in Madras. Dr E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma has received the Certificate of Merit for Sanskrit Scholarship 1992 from the President of India.

The Library is also co-operating with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts in their publication project.

Publications Released from the Press

- (1) The Adyar Library Bulletin (*Brahmavidyā*) Vol. 55
- (2) *Sāmānya Vedānta Upaniṣads*, English Translation by A. G. Krishna Warriar.

Works to be Released Soon

- (1) *Samgitaratnākara of Śārṅgadeva* with commentaries of *Siṃhabhūpālā* and *Kallinātha*, Vol. I, Ed. by S. Subrahmanya Sastri revised by Smt. S. Sarada with index of technical terms.
- (2) *Brahma Vidyā*, Vol. 56.
- (3) *Chāndogyopaniṣad* revised edition, by Dr S. Sankaranarayanan.
- (4) Descriptive Catalogue of *Jyotiṣa Manuscripts*, by Dr K. V. Sarma.
- (5) Descriptive Catalogue of *Tamil Manuscripts*, by Pandit Ramachandra Sarma.
- (6) *Prābhākara Vijaya* with translation and the *Upaniṣad Mangalābharana* by Dr E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma.

Publications Taken Up

- (1) Textual Criticism and Editorial Principles with special reference to Sanskrit, by Dr K. Kunjunni Raja and Dr K. V. Sarma.
- (2) Descriptive Catalogue of *Srauta Manuscripts* by Dr S. Sankaranarayanan assisted by Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.
- (3) *Bhamati Catuṣsūtrī* by offset printing.

Service Rendered

The Library has been supplying photocopies of rare texts and manuscripts to the research scholars from India and abroad. In all, 26,234 frames of photocopies were supplied: 691 frames of Paper Manuscripts, 1,288 frames of Palm Leaf Manuscripts, 3,533 frames of transcripts, 18,157 frames of books and 1,316 frames of others were supplied to orders; 2,565 copies were taken for the Adyar Library.

Repair and Preservation

In the binding section, 444 books were bound. Also 120 volumes of journals were bound by the Vasanta Press. Miss K. Jaishree was sent to Lucknow for training in conservation work at the Conservation Institute, INTACH.

Acquisition and Cataloguing

During the year under report 1,869 books were accessed and 1,839 catalogued and added to the Library collection; 651 books were purchased.

Our thanks are due to TPH, Wheaton and TPH, Adyar and others for donating 1,139 books.

The Adyar Library has 706 Readers and 314 Borrowers in the city; 7,453 books were borrowed, 41,031 books and 3,556 manuscripts were consulted.

Research Scholars

Scholars from various Universities and other Research Institutions in India and abroad utilized the facilities of the Library for their research. This includes eight scholars from overseas. Dr James Nye, Mr Neal Delmonico of Chicago University, Dr K. V. Chari of Carlton University, Dr K. P. Aithal of Heidelberg, Germany, Miss Annette M. Wilkie of the University of Zurich, Switzerland, Mr William

Jackson, Indianapolis, USA, Mrs Shorny Dugmar and Michael Scheidl of the University of Vienna.

Also 27 scholars from India made use of the Library—to cite a few, James Crouch of Indira Gandhi National Centre, Miss Denise Marie Hasusek and Dr S. S. Janaki of K. S. R. Institute, Dr Vijayalakshmi, International Institute of Tamil Studies, Madras, Dr Dharmadhikari, Pune; Dr Srimannarayanamurti, Tirupati; Dr K. S. Menon, Calicut; K. G. Paulose, Principal, Sanskrit College, Tiruppunitura; and the rest from the following Universities: one from Bharathidasan University, Trichy; one from French

Institute, Pondicherry; 13 from the University of Madras; two from M. K. University, Madurai; one from University of Hyderabad; one from University of Chandigarh, Punjab; one from Mother Teresa Women's University, Madras; two from Bangalore University; one from University of Mysore and one from the National Museum, New Delhi.

Mr Michio Yano from Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan, also used the Library.

We place on record the passing away of Dr N. Pran Nath who was the Assistant Librarian from 1978 to 1982.

MRS PARVATI GOPALARATNAM
Acting Librarian

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The School of the Wisdom conducted two successful courses during the year. The first, in January-February 1992, attracted sixty-five students from eighteen countries including India, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, England, Finland, France, Ghana, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Ukraine and the USA. The theme was 'Esoteric Buddhism', with Miss Muriel Daw as Director. Several of Miss Daw's talks were illustrated with slides and drawings. The students were encouraged to study on their own concomitantly with the course, for which appropriate books were recommended.

Guest speakers included Mrs Radha Burnier, Mr Surendra Narayan, Mr Achyut Patwardhan and Dr Hugh Gray who spoke on the wisdom of the

Adepts, the core teachings of the ages, the Buddhist view of *Sādhana* (treading the spiritual path), and the Theosophy of the Platonists, respectively.

October-December 1992 Session

The October-December 1992 session was on J. Krishnamurti's teachings with Dr Sunanda Patwardhan and later Dr Krishna Nath as Directors. Both are trustees of the Krishnamurti Foundation, India. Their talks were very much appreciated by the 27 participants and 11 observers attending, coming from Belgium, Spain, USA, England, the Philippines, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, Israel, Finland and India. Guest speakers included Mrs Radha Burnier, Ms Ahalya Chari, Dr Satish Inamdar and Mr G. Gautama.

MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Many persons used the Archives for their research work on subjects which included the work of Annie Besant for Indian Education, Women's Welfare, History of Rishi

Valley, etc. Some copies of letters and photographs were supplied by post.

The work in the Archives continued as planned. Considerable progress has been

made in updating the catalogues of photographs, and that of documents is in hand. So far the catalogues were in book form but it has been decided to have it in card form, and give new numbers. This work is long but it is proposed to make a start in 1993. Arrangements have been made to fumigate books and papers in the Archives itself and much of the old material was fumigated this year. It is now proposed to start deacidification and lamination work so that old documents are better preserved.

The Director General of the Indian

Conservation Institute INTACH, Lucknow, was good enough to depute two workers to restore some of the paintings which had deteriorated. They have done commendable work. Some of the paintings and four books from the Adyar Library which could not be attended to here have been sent to Lucknow for restoration and preservation treatment. They are expected back soon. There are still some more paintings for which the Institute at Lucknow has promised to send a team of workers early in 1993.

MR S. S. VARMA
Officer in Charge

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

The Olcott Education Society manages the Olcott Memorial High School, the HPB Free Hostel, the Social Welfare Centre and the Banyan Centre for Educators.

The Olcott Memorial School was started in 1894 by Colonel H. S. Olcott, the President Founder of the TS. It is perhaps the first institution of its kind established in India for the education of Harijans (formerly known as Panchamas).

The Olcott School took no fees, and was the first to provide free midday meals to all its students. Now free breakfast is also being given. The school now has on its rolls 463 boys and 242 girls.

The Craft Centre of the school, started with the generous gift of Mrs Alice Eichenberger of Switzerland, has sections for screen printing, tailoring, book-binding, typewriting, wood work, home craft and gardening.

HPB Hostel

This hostel for boys was founded in 1971 by the Theosophical Society as a memorial for its Founder, Madame

H. P. Blavatsky. It provides accommodation for some of the students of the Olcott Memorial High School who have potential abilities, but lack home facilities for development.

The hostel committee carefully selects boys in the 6-12 age group who continue living in the hostel until completion of their schooling. All their basic needs are provided including food, clothing, shelter and school expenses. As a result of the facilities provided and the individual attention they receive, the hostel children fare well in their study and behaviour.

There are now 19 students in the Hostel. Most boys living in the hostel are sponsored by individual members of the Theosophical Society or by its branches in various countries. Sponsorship amount per boy is now Rs. 3,000 per annum. The rest of the expenditure on staff, maintaining the premises, etc. is borne by the Theosophical Society.

Social Welfare Centre

Nearly a hundred and fifty children of the TS neighbourhood are looked after

in two crèches and one balwadi at the Centre. They are supplied bread and milk in the morning and nutritious noon meals. A free medical dispensary is also being run and there are over fifty out-patients daily. A tailoring class for women and a weaving unit are also being run. The premises were recently renovated.

Banyan (Centre for Educators)

The activities of Banyan included four

newsletters and five programmes in various schools in Madras during the year 1992.

Higher Education for Girls

Fifteen girls were extended financial help during the year for education beyond the school level thanks to the generosity of Mrs Ingiborg Olafsdottir of Reykjavik, Iceland.

THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr Annie Besant who founded the Theosophical Order of Service in 1908 urged TS members to put into practice the teachings of Theosophy—the oneness of all life and Universal Brotherhood of Humanity—by rendering practical help to alleviate physical suffering. While most people are absorbed in their own pre-occupations, everyone can render some help to relieve suffering in his own neighbourhood.

One of the greatest problems of the world is that of division into nationalities and faiths which leads to conflict and violence. TOS can counter such divisions by acting as a channel of international cooperation. In fact, many members and lodges in well-off countries are already doing so. The underlying philosophy of TOS is that the principles of unity of life and brotherhood should not be mere clichés, but be implemented in daily life. As the travails of humanity go on increasing from year to year, there is now more urgent need than ever before for dedicated people to render altruistic service. There are many ways in which everyone can contribute to this work—giving time, energy, guidance or financial help. A life of service is, according to

all scriptures, a part of the religious life. For example, the *Bhagavad Gita* exhorts us to live for the welfare of the world (*loka sangraha*).

Reports of increased TOS work in several areas are gratifying, yet much more can be done if we are determined to do so. Reports have however been received only from a few Sections, which are summarized below:

Argentina

The TOS is working actively in Buenos Aires and Rosario. An interesting art exhibit was offered in Rosario, all artists being local members.

Australia

Lorraine Moseley, National Director, reports that TOS groups in Australia are growing, as people realize they can form an autonomous group to work for the theosophical principles in the best way they know, according to the special skills and interests of the members. Nearly a dozen groups are active in such diverse fields of service as refugee relief, aboriginal child care, life education, Amnesty International, animal welfare, vegetarianism, environmental protection,

holistic healing, Meals-on-Wheels project, meditation and relaxation, home for the elderly, natural therapy, helping the blind, Community Aid Abroad, and United Nations Association of Australia. Donations were given for a hospital electrification work in Cambodia, Tibetan relief campaign, a children's project in Somalia, and for child victims of the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. A long list of 31 organizations have been supported, covering all avenues of TOS work. TOS organizes annually a Public Forum as part of the Annual Convention held at national level and last year the subject of the public forum was 'Can Understanding Death Enhance the Quality of Life?' on which eminent doctors, physicists and Mrs Radha Burnier spoke. While all the TOS groups have given financial assistance to organizations of their choice, Sydney and Brisbane groups show long lists of organizations who have come to recognize TOS will help as much as it is possible both financially and morally.

East and Central Africa

Mr C. P. Robertson Dunn, National Director reports: Several Lodges in East Africa carry on regular TOS activities, including help to needy students, distribution of food, clothing, blankets, medicine, etc. to the homes of destitutes, orphans, aged, handicapped and disabled, and visiting old and sick persons.

Nairobi Lodge donated four artificial limbs and gave donations to the Kenya Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Jacaranda School for the Mentally Handicapped, for child feeding and sick child fund. Several Lodges held elocution competitions for secondary schools, Teachers Training Colleges and Nurses Training Schools when theosophical books and token vouchers were given as prizes.

Lodges in Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam have regular healing sessions and conduct Yoga classes. The Lodge in Kenya runs medical clinics twice a week in rural areas providing treatment and medicine free of charge and average attendance per session is about 50 patients.

England

During the year, TOS distributed £6,000 to some twelve charities, including help for the establishment of a home for elderly ladies in Tamil Nadu. Used postage stamps and old Christmas cards have been collected at Headquarters for charity. Also old and unwanted tools which are refurbished and shipped to Tanzania. They raised £325 to augment funds from a successful music concert at Gloucester Place.

France

In addition to donations to Social Welfare projects at Adyar and other non-profit institutions in France, they sent 17 parcels of medicine and 23 parcels of clothing to dispensaries and hospitals in India, three parcels of food and clothing to Rumania and two parcels of medicine to Togo. A Bombay firm provides multi-vitamin capsules to various dispensaries in India. The bulk of the income comes from an Annual Fair held with cultural programmes and sale of items, helped by Theosophists who prepare and run the stalls as well as help in various ways throughout the year.

India

TOS activities in India have been fairly satisfactory. Several regions like Karnataka, Bengal, Bombay, Bihar, Gujarat, Delhi and Madras have been quite active and doing good and useful work. An all-India Workers Camp was held in October 1992 at Kakinada, attended by

35 members from many regions. The Bombay group held a colloquium at Mahabaleshwar on the theme 'Humanity is our God and service our Prayer' attracting several members to TOS and TS.

Work done by the TOS India through various regions includes help in education of the poor and orphans, specially the girl children, medical relief including free cataract operations, bodily aids and other help to the physically handicapped, distribution of milk powder to the children in the very low income group, visiting and helping patients in hospitals and orphanages. On the national level, contributions were made towards help to the victims of earthquakes and floods in different parts of the country.

This year they are trying to pay more attention to animal welfare at the national level and also requesting all the Regions to take this work more seriously.

Pakistan

The TOS in Pakistan continues its good work in several areas: help to a

large number of school and college students with aid from the Save the Children Fund, old age and family relief, medical relief, animal welfare, and help to poor mothers for marriage of their girls. They also maintain a welfare agency in Karachi, helping school and college-going youth.

U.S.A.

The long-awaited service guide, *Living the Wisdom: A Guide to Social Transformation*, which was prepared for the TS by the TOS was published during the year. The TOS Senior Citizen Project helps many old people in Illinois. Interest in the magazine *For the Love of Life* is increasing. Other areas of activity include aid to the mentally retarded, food stamps, providing educational material to prisoners and promoting vegetarianism. The Healing Network continues its good work. There is active cooperation between the TOS and the TS.

C. SESHADRI
International Secretary

THEOSOPHY SCIENCE CENTRE

The first transaction of this Centre was published in 1992 with articles representing a broad cross-section of thought integrating the holistic approach with human values. A variety of disciplines have

been included. The advice of the members of the Editorial Board is gratefully acknowledged.

DR A. KANNAN
Secretary

REPORTS OF GENERAL SECRETARIES

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The East and Central African Section comprises three countries with a membership of 710—316 in Kenya, 182 in Tanzania and 212 in Zambia. Its headquarters is in Nairobi, Kenya. Most of our lodges hold one weekly meeting, while Nairobi and Dar-es-salaam hold two separate meetings, one in English and another in Gujarati or Hindi.

National lecturer Mr Reuben Thuku held three seminars on Theosophy in different places during the year. In addition to touring the lodges and conducting study classes he lectured in 115 schools, colleges, etc. planting the seeds of Theosophy in young minds. He also gave 15 radio and 8 television programmes and interviews of half an hour each. The General Secretary and several other lecturers also toured the lodges.

As a climax for the celebrations of the HPB Year, two more seminars on HPB's teachings were held, one each in Kenya and Zambia. Earlier in the year, Tanzania and Kenya had held similar seminars. Other publicity included a two-page supplement in *The Sunday*

Standard and a half-page article in *The Kenya Times*, besides two half an hour television programmes.

In Kenya, *The Theosophist* continues to be distributed to 16 state-run libraries and four universities as well as four local newspapers. Theosophical book sales have increased. Nairobi Lodge has been publishing a printed *Newsletter* every four months since 1991. Several of our members attended the 116th International Convention at Adyar.

The 37th Convention of the Section will be held 9-11 April 1993 with Mrs Radha Burnier, International President, as the guest speaker. It will also mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Nairobi Lodge.

Some of the lodges in our Section carry on regular TOS work, including helping needy students, distribution of food and medicines to the handicapped and orphanages, and visiting old and sick persons. The lodges at Nairobi and Dar-es-salaam have regular healing sessions.

MR KIRAN H. SHAH
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTHERN

The annual convention held in Durban during Easter 1992 was on the theme 'Essential Unity of all Religions: The Key to Our Future'. It was moderately well attended with most members coming from Durban and Pretoria. The lectures were very good and the tone was of open

approach to all religions and an appreciation that religious amity is essential to provide a sound moral basis for mankind to move forward into the next century.

Another highlight of the year was participation in 'The Body, Mind and Soul Festival' in Johannesburg to maximize

publicity. In addition to a counselling service, we handed out many theosophical pamphlets. Many new contacts were made.

We prepared a resume of TS work in Southern Africa from 1942 to 1992 for inclusion in the International Year Book to be published by Adyar. The undersigned was elected General Secretary in November 1991. There was a decline in membership due to lapsing, and the year ended with 278 members. The General

Secretary has made an effort to maintain good contact with all the Lodges.

The political uncertainty and continual violence in South Africa has had a definite negative effect upon our activities and evening lectures are not so well attended as a result. An increase in muggings and robbery especially creates difficulties, yet in spite of this, we are carrying on and doing our best to spread the theosophical message in Southern Africa.

MR T. G. DAVIS
General Secretary

AFRICA, WEST

The West African Section was active in several areas during the year under report. Six public lectures were organized in memory of HPB with satisfactory attendance resulting from publicity on TV, radio and newspapers. At all the lectures information leaflets on Theosophy were distributed and TS books sold. We established a TS Bookshop for sale of TPH books. The Non-English Publication Fund Committee gave approval for publication of *At the Feet of the Master* in Twi, a Ghanaian language. The Fako Lodge in Cameroun, previously attached to Adyar, was affiliated to the West African Section. The Society was given a piece of land under the will of Mr Harry Mark Ashun. Under a provisional agreement, construction of a TS building has been going on in the land.

We now have 15 lodges and 10 study centres with a total membership of 363.

Lodges and centres held study meetings throughout the year. All lodges and centres maintain libraries of books donated by Adyar, other Sections and individuals like Miss Joy Mills.

The 36th Annual Convention of the Section was held 16-18 April at Accra. It was well represented except for Nigeria. The Second Annual Workers' Course was also held at Accra 4-5 July 1992, including a workshop for Lodge officers. Twenty-two members attended.

We are looking forward to the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier's visit to our Section in March 1993, when she will be our Guest Speaker at the Annual Convention.

The undersigned visited and lectured at several lodges, besides attending the International Convention at Adyar in December 1991.

MR PAUL B. KWAKYI
General Secretary

AMERICA, CENTRAL

No report

ARGENTINA

At our Summer School in San Rafael 15-29 February, Miss Ianthe Hoskins took two courses on *The Key to Theosophy* and *Vivekachudamani*. It was a very happy and meaningful experience. Other national gatherings were held in Carlos Paz 15-17 November, Buenos Aires 16-20 April, San Lorenzo 13-17 August and Cordoba 10-12 September. Youth camps were held in San Rafael 5-15 February and at Oliveros 5-8 June 1992.

Three book fairs were held during the year with excellent results: in Buenos Aires, Casilda and Rio Cuarto. Besides selling books, leaflets and programmes of local activities were distributed to the thousands of visitors.

Our national lecturers—Juan Vinas, Vicente Fiumamo, Juan Palmeri and the undersigned—toured several lodges and gave lectures. The Section journal *Cambios* is published quarterly. A new

edition of *At the Feet of the Master* was published. We also printed a new leaflet on 'Theosophy and the Theosophical Society'. A video camera was bought during the year and cassettes of lectures and seminars are sold and rented.

We participated in an inter-religious meeting held for the first time in Buenos Aires during the Dalai Lama's visit to Argentina. It was a very meaningful occasion. Special events will be held in the country to celebrate the centenary of the founding of the first TS lodge in Argentina: the lodge 'Luz' in Buenos Aires on 20 November 1892. In the city of La Plata, lodge 'Ananda' bought premises for itself. The TOS is working actively in Buenos Aires and Rosario.

MRS NORA SPAIRANI
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

Our national convention was held in Hobart, Tasmania, 18-23 January 1992 on the theme 'Theosophy in Symbol and Myth', with guest speaker Miss Joy Mills. Workshops, symposium and training sessions were included in the programme, which concluded with a Round Table ceremony. Highlight of the week was a picnic day down through the Huon Valley.

Weekly/fortnightly public meetings were held by all the lodges in addition to study classes on Theosophy and *The Secret Doctrine*. Other lodge activities include yoga classes, meditation and seminars. All lodges report some activity in the

TOS work. Hobart Lodge continues to send parcels of fur fabric to the Kotagiri Women's Cooperative in South India for use in making soft toys. Gold Coast lodge members have successfully completed building the Caretaker's Cottage. John Cooper continues with 'The Gnostic Tradition' course at Sydney University. The course is now in its third year and is well attended. Baden Offord participated in a weekly Wednesday programme of Public Radio 2SER-Fm 107.3 titled 'Soul Safari'—a free public radio programme which the Society shares with people of similar interests. The Wednesday evening programmes are repeated on Thursday mornings also.

Video and audio tapes are supplied to lodges; publicity pamphlets are constantly in demand. Members are informed of international and national news items through the General Secretary's Contact Letter. Our journal *Theosophy in Australia* has a new editor in Alwyn Miechel since last January.

The General Secretary attended the 116th International Convention at Adyar and the Indo-Pacific Federation meeting; she also visited Singapore and New

Zealand and toured several lodges for giving talks. Other lecturers included Jeanine Miller from England, John Cooper, Anthony Raymond and Noel Duzevich.

There was a decrease in membership by 37, with the total now standing at 1,372. Our correspondence course on Theosophy has elicited a number of public enquiries. Several lodges maintain libraries and bookshops with much activity.

MRS PATRICIA WITTS
General Secretary

AUSTRIA

During the past year work went on as usual. In our three branches lectures, study-and-discussion groups were held weekly.

In March Mr Curt Berg and Mrs Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu visited Vienna on their way to Hungary and Czechoslovakia, when the former gave a lecture on 'Theosophy in Daily Life'.

Our Summer School was held in August in Rohrbach. The programme consisted of various lectures, discussions and a seminar on 'Origin and Evolution of Man

According to *The Secret Doctrine*' held by Ms Mary Anderson, which was very much appreciated by all the participants. The wonderful weather which enabled us to enjoy the beautiful landscape made it an unforgettable week for all of us.

We are looking forward to the coming year when the European Council will be held in Rohrbach and we can be sure to have a very interesting programme.

MRS MARGARET LAUPPERT
General Secretary

BELGIUM

The activities of the Belgian Section went on smoothly during the year. Membership now stands at 133 as against 144 last year. The four lodges in Brussels and three of the four lodges in the provinces as well as the headquarters in Brussels continued their activities of the past year. The fourth lodge, in Liege Province, was suspended for an indefinite period because the Chairman and a majority of its members introduced Alice Bailey practices in the lodge. As from October 1991, some loyal members of the

TS set up a weekly study group in Liege in the Lodge premises (used by the lodge but run by a non-profit organization independent from the committee of the lodge).

The Section suffered an irreparable loss in the demise of its Vice-General Secretary, Mr Charles Lallemand, who with the help of his wife performed more than half of the administrative tasks of the Section.

DR H. VAN DER HECHT
General Secretary

BRAZIL

All the activities of the Brazilian Section are being developed regularly, including contact with Lodges and members, with a staff of six persons.

Our publishing house brought out the following titles during the year: *The Doctrine of the Heart* (Annie Besant), *Selected Studies on the Secret Doctrine* (S. Lancrì), *Meditation—A Practical Study* (A. Gardner), *Man—His Origin and Evolution* (Sri Ram), *Whispers from the Other Shore* (Ravi Ravindra), *Preparation for Yoga* (I. K. Taimni), *The Opening of the Wisdom Eye* (Dalai Lama), *Viveka-Chudamani* (Sankara), *Spiritual Approach to Male-Female Relationship* (S. Miners), *Meditation* (Clara Codd), *The Liberation of Suffering* (a Tibetan Buddhist text by Alberto Brum).

Our magazine *O Teosofista* is published quarterly. One issue was devoted to the transcription of the talks by Mrs Radha Burnier on *Light on the Path* at the

Summer School in Brasilia in January 1990, and another issue was dedicated to Madame Blavatsky.

The programme of lecture tours went on during all the year. Two inter-lodge meetings were held in the north and north-east. Our summer school in January this year was on the 'Spiritual Quest, East and West' directed by Ravi Ravindra. A seminar was held in São Paulo in July 1992 on 'Ecology, Ethics and Spirituality'.

We have organized under the direction of the Cultural Department, research groups in ten cities to make specific studies in the fields of Science, Philosophy and Comparative Religion—to serve as a preparation for special events and encourage the local Lodge's work.

We now have 1,078 members including the members-at-large.

MR ULISSES RIEDEL DE RESENDE
General Secretary

CHILE

A basic course of Theosophy was given by Pablo Rojas and other members. Training course for workers was held all Sundays through the year. We started during the year the Basic School of Theosophy for new members and the public functioning all Fridays through the year. Public meetings are held once a month, the other Saturdays devoted to workshops and video sessions for members and public. During the summer we had a special programme of talks by new members directed by Guillermo Mendoza. The library and bookshop were active,

open to the public twice a week. We had visitors/guest speakers from Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, Uruguay and Australia.

Among other activities we began Meditation at six o'clock on all Saturdays and appointed different Work Committees for Finance, Public Relations, Translation, Rules Revision and Study Courses. The Section journal is published thrice a year.

Three members attended the Inter-American conference in Uruguay.

MR CARLOS RAMIREZ LOHAUS
General Secretary

COLOMBIA

Work has been going on in lodges and study groups mainly in Bogota, the capital, through lectures and reading of the Section magazine as well as books.

As a result of efforts to overcome indifference and aloofness of members, also divergent views, we now have more cordial relationship among members and

groups. Also a change was made in the administrative approach in order to encourage participation. Work during the year was centred around four main objects: revitalization of the Section (structure, functioning and atmosphere); training and development of members including their families; spreading of Theosophy and promotion of the TS; and integration and projection both at the national and international level. For example, reactivation of four departments—education, publicity, maintenance and finance. The headquarters in Bogota was repaired, redesigned and expanded.

Basic courses on Theosophy were given

under the title of 'Global Approach to Theosophical Thought'. 'Theo-family' movement was reactivated. A meditation group was started and was active.

Principles of Theosophical Work by Dr I. K. Taimni was reprinted. The Section journal was published monthly.

The inter-American gathering held May 6-10 on the theme 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow of Theosophy in the Americas', was attended by 83 persons. A half-hour interview on the TS, HPB and the inter-American gathering was screened on national TV.

MR ANTONIO MARTINEZ S.
General Secretary

CUBA

Our annual convention was held 17-19 January 1992, at which the undersigned was elected General Secretary. All our lodges (eight in Havana) keep regular meetings for their studies on varied topics: *Human Regeneration*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *Yoga Sutras*, *Light on the Path* and *At the Feet of the Master*. All theosophical

anniversaries were celebrated. We now have 557 members in 16 lodges. A very fair attendance is always present in our theosophical meetings and a pleasant surprise is to find youngsters attending them and studying Theosophy.

DRA. LELIA FERNANDEZ PAGOLA
General Secretary

ENGLAND

It has been a very busy year, in many ways exceptional in terms of the changes. I believe we will emerge from this phase better placed to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 1990's. We have incorporated a charitable company 'The Foundation for Theosophical Studies', with the status of a charitable trust, which will result in considerable financial benefits through savings on tax and rates. TPH (London) Ltd. was put into voluntary liquidation due to the recession and increasingly heavy overhead charges. We intend to continue to sell books from the Headquarters, also run a mail order business from the basement. The headquarters

building underwent extensive renovation, including installation of a lift.

We have completed the process of computerizing membership records as well as the accounts. We reprinted the introductory booklet *The Mysteries of Existence*, to be sent free to all new members and for sale. We will be sending *The Quest*, quarterly magazine, to all members during 1993 as an experiment. We hope it will encourage members to stay with us. Our greatest losses in membership occur within the first two years. The Section will henceforth pay the travelling expenses of National Lecturers, relieving lodges and centres of the worry about the associated costs. In this way we hope to stimulate

programmes and thus attract the attention of a wider public. Where necessary Headquarters will also help with local publicity. This scheme is still in its infancy.

Exploratory talks are on with representatives from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland about the possibility of re-establishing a British Section. Words from Wales and Scotland are encouraging, but Northern Ireland sees their future more in

Ireland than in the mainland. Plans are also under way for wider use of Tekels Park facilities for programmes for the public.

We lost two key members during the year: Dr E. Lester Smith and Harry Upadhyay, both of whom will be sorely missed.

MR ADAM WARCUP
General Secretary

FINLAND

We have twenty lodges and three study-groups. Inter-lodge meetings are held thrice a year to exchange views and decide on common matters. Public lectures are held in Helsinki every Sunday afternoon during winter and twice a month during the summer. In other cities lectures are held once a month. Mr Curt Berg from Sweden was guest speaker during November.

At the annual meeting held in Kreivila 9-10 May 1992, Mrs Kirsti Elo was re-elected as General Secretary for another three-year term. Dr Andrey Gnedzdilov from Russia was a guest speaker.

Our Summer School held at Kreivila 19-26 June 1992 was attended by 135 persons, including 12 from Estonia sponsored by the Finnish Section. The theme was 'Silence as the Way to Truth' and guest speaker Dr Yves Marcel from France.

The General Secretary visited Estonia

and Lithuania and gave lectures; Mr Hannu Vienonen has regularly visited Estonia, and Miss Marja Artamaa was in Estonia twice for giving lectures. A new lodge of eight members has been founded in Estonia as part of the Finnish Section and is awaiting sanction of the International President.

Twenty-two members attended the International Convention, three participated in the School of the Wisdom at Adyar, and four attended the Naarden seminars of Mrs Radha Burnier.

The journal *Teosofi* is issued bimonthly. *The Masters and the Path* by CWL was published after many corrections of the earlier printing. Other reprints during the year were *The Voice of the Silence*, *Man Visible and Invisible* and *Chakras* (CWL); and *Zen Buddhism* by Yrjo Kallinen.

MRS KIRSTI ELO
General Secretary

FRANCE

At our last Convention the by-law changes proposed the previous year were ratified, so this year the election of the National Board members took place for the first time by mail rather than by proxy vote.

Our Section has 776 members and 28

branches active in varying degrees. In May a three-day seminar was organized in Brittany attended by seventy members. A number of members attended the European Congress in Arolsen, Germany, also attended for the first time by members and friends from Eastern Europe.

The East European Aid Committee, born in France, is now operating under the aegis of the European Federation. Because of the European Congress, no French-speaking Summer School was held. About thirty of our members attended the 116th International Convention at Adyar.

To mark the centennial year of Madame Blavatsky's passing, new printings of her writings came out. In France, the six-volume *The Secret Doctrine* and the two-volume *Isis Unveiled* are available.

A new biography of HPB was also published.

Public lectures and classes are held regularly at our Paris headquarters, where several branches also meet. Our journal *Lotus Bleu* is published ten times a year, and is sent regularly to 200 libraries in France. Lessons in basic Theosophy are being sent regularly to new members.

MRS FRANCOISE CARACOSTEA
General Secretary

GERMANY

The work of the lodges and groups continued intensively. Introductory courses were held and during study evenings among others, the following books were studied: *At the Feet of the Master*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Secret Doctrine*. All lodges also organized public talks. Speakers included Mary Anderson, Anneliese Stephan, Hans W. Damm and Eva Maas. We now have a membership of 251.

We are making efforts to find new members in former East Germany and to spread Theosophy there, but the response has not been satisfactory as people are more interested in the material aspects of daily living. It is planned to continue our efforts in the coming months.

The study weekend gatherings in the Southern and Northern parts of Germany were well attended and gave the participants a deeper understanding of Theosophy. The sixth German-language School of Theosophy took place in Odenwald

from 17-21 October 1991 with 21 participants who as lecturers and officials of lodges gained in an intensive training course in their work.

The German Summer School and Annual Convention, held July 23-30 at St. Martin, also marked the 90th anniversary of the founding of the German Section. The more than 70 participants were supplied a commemorative brochure of the TS and the German Section. The theme, 'Change as Task', was covered in an interesting programme of talks and study groups. Our publishing house brought out the German translation of *Food for the Spirit* by Stephen Rosen in time for the Summer School. In preparation are several reprints, among them *The Voice of the Silence*, *Practical Occultism* and *The Secret Doctrine* abbreviated. Our journal *Adyar* continues to pay for itself, although the number of non-member subscribers is decreasing.

MRS EVA MAAS
General Secretary

GREECE

No report

ICELAND

TS work in the Icelandic Section has been eventful with activity in the headquarters almost every day of the week. A new nine-week study course in meditation and spiritual practices for beginners was conducted for the public in autumn and repeated in the spring. It attracted over 160 newcomers and will be continued in the future. Lodges outside the Reykjavik area are few and not very active except for 'Fraternity' lodge in Akureyri which has 60 members and purchased their own house in co-operation with the Co-Freemasons. The summer school was held 18-22 June, a traditional event with members lecturing, and a special atmo-

sphere of unity among the 40 participants. The headquarters building was restored and completely reorganized at a cost of £45,000. It now has facilities for week-end courses and schools. The section magazine *Gangleri* is now in its 66th year and sells to about 1,200 subscribers, three times the membership of the section. Two books were reprinted: *Light on the Path* and *A Sort of Silence*, a meditation manual by Sigvaldi Hjalmarsson. An Icelandic version of *The Mysteries of the Universe* is ready for printing.

MR EINAR ADALSTEINSSON
General Secretary

INDIA

During the year under report, emphasis was laid on the importance of study and understanding theosophical teachings to enable members to render service that can truly bring about the good. We held several study camps and courses and brought out a booklet on *Theosophy and the Theosophical Society*. Several special issues of the *Indian Theosophist* were brought out, dealing with important subjects.

India continues to be the largest section with 10,925 members, an increase of 335 over the previous year.

The Easter Conference at Adyar had good attendance. Several federations also organized study camps.

Systematic efforts were made to prevent cruelty to animals. Theosophical literature is being published in different Indian languages.

As in earlier years, the International President, Vice-President and the International Secretary presided over annual conferences of various federations and also conducted study camps.

I attended the fourth Indo-Pacific Conference in New Zealand as well as the Annual Convention there, in addition to visiting and lecturing in numerous Indian cities and lodges.

Computerization of membership records at the Indian Section headquarters has improved the working of the administration. Our next step would be to put the accounts also on the computer. The financial position of the Section showed improvement during the year.

Members continue to take active part in TOS in various Federations; also in educational work, Bharat Samaja and the Ritual of the Mystic Star.

We face momentous issues in India and around the world and it is the responsibility of members to prepare themselves well, lead a righteous life and propagate the message of Theosophy for the welfare, the good and the gain of all.

DR C. V. AGARWAL
General Secretary

INDONESIA

During the year an effort was made to activate the Youth Section of the TS in Indonesia, including a one-day Youth Seminar in Medan at which Bro. Baden Offord from Australia was the guest speaker. Papers were received to be read at the seminar from the International President and the International Secretary. The theme of the seminar was 'Loving Kindness, the Basis of Brotherhood'.

The youth section in Penerangan Lodge in Surabaya became more active by organizing study classes, making study tours, holding discussions and Q & A sessions. The youth section at Medan began doing TOS work, reported by the local press. Bro. Chawla from Hyderabad, working with the Immigration Office

at Jakarta, gave monthly talks at the Kreshna Lodge.

Three of our lodges had to be dissolved because of inactivity and decrease in the number of members. Membership decreased to 450 from 488 in the previous year because of death and resignation. Most of our members are aged people, sickly and infirm. We are waiting for the younger generation to take the place of the aged.

The undersigned was re-elected as General Secretary in the election held by referendum. The next Annual Congress, the thirtieth, will be held in Bandung, West Java.

MR H. M. SOESISWO
General Secretary

ITALY

Regular work of the Italian Section runs on all the year long. We now have 1,097 members in 50 lodges. The Section magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* was published regularly every month and has a circulation of 1,100.

Two seminars were organized during the year—near Assisi in March and at Venice in September. Forty members attended the former. The second was on the theme 'Human Regeneration'.

The General Secretary lectured in various lodges around the Section and also at the University of Perugia on 'The Meaning of Life'.

Books published during the year included *Human Regeneration* by Radha Burnier, *Light on the Path*, *Dreams* and *Man Visible and Invisible* by C. W. Leadbeater; *Thought Forms* and *Death and After* by Annie Besant; and *Meditation* by Clara Codd.

The 78th National Convention was held at Castrocara with more than a hundred participants on the theme 'The Impact of Theosophy on Modern Thought'.

The undersigned was re-elected for the eighth three-year term.

MR EDOARDO BRATINA
General Secretary

MEXICO

The year 1992 was full of accomplishments for the Mexican Section. Membership increased 17 per cent to a total of 399, more activities were undertaken, and

there was realized a strong interaction with other Sections of America. We now have 15 lodges, 19 study centres and 16 unattached members.

A weekly public lecture programme with good attendance was maintained in Mexico City, Puebla, Tijuana and Guadalajara. Basic courses on Theosophy continued in Mexico City, Puebla and Guadalajara.

The second International Congress of the Mexican Section on the theme 'New Perspectives for Human Development' was held in Mexico City 6-7 June 1992 with five experienced lecturers coming from Canada, the U.S., Brazil, Cuba and Mexico. Another highlight of the year was a 5,000-mile lecture tour across the Section by Mr Gabriel Burgos from Colombia sponsored by the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. He was accompanied on the tour by the undersigned. Two workshops were held at the headquarters: one on meditation attended by about fifty persons and the other on transformation by Dr Ravi Ravindra. A mini-workshop on Annie Besant was also held.

A winter school on 'Training and Development of Theosophical Leaders' is scheduled to be held 27-29 November 1992 in a country place near Mexico City, sponsored by the Inter-American Federation.

We collaborated with the Inter-American Federation in extending support to the Central American Section and Venezuela. Thirty Mexican members attended the Central American seminar in San Jose, Costa Rica 1-10 February 1992 and seven Mexican lecturers spoke on the theme, 'The change must be here and now'.

The journal *Unidad* was reoriented to make it more interesting to the public as well, and distribution is being arranged through the outlets of two booksellers. It is a bimonthly with total circulation of 500 copies.

MR CARLOS LOPEZ CERDAN RIPOLL
General Secretary

MYANMAR (BURMA)

No report

NETHERLANDS

Two meetings were held with Lodge committees—12 October 1991 and 12 March 1992—to strengthen the contact between lodge boards as also with the national board and to exchange information. There were very lively discussions on all aspects of the work. On 29 February a meeting of new members was held at the headquarters. A spring week-end was held 4-5 April on the theme 'Theosophy in the Upanishads'. Joy Mills conducted two training weeks—23-27 June and 29 June-3 July—to two groups of 10-12 members. The topic

was *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*. In the evenings Joy lectured on how to work in the lodges.

The Dutch Section co-sponsored with the International Theosophical Centre (I.T.C.) and the European Federation two international seminars at the I.T.C. Naarden. Both were conducted by Mrs Radha Burnier. The first seminar, meant for TS officials and workers, was attended by over sixty persons. The theme was 'The Central Work of the TS'. Over eighty persons attended the second seminar on 'Europe and the World:

Exploring Integration', including some from Eastern Europe. Guest speakers were Prof. P. Krishna and Curt Berg.

On 27-30 August we had the Dutch Summer School at the I.T.C., Naarden on the theme 'People United Equals Brotherhood Now'. Speaker was Adam Warcup. Forty members attended the school.

Separate conventions were held of the northern and southern regions, the northern at Leeuwarden on 20 September and the southern at Antwerp on 27 September 1992.

Our publishing house published translations of *Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy* and *Truth is a Pathless Land*.

The library received some large book donations, including some rare books. Computerization is still going on.

A collection of theosophical books will be placed in the Royal Library in the Hague, one of the largest in the country, open all days.

Our bimonthly journal *Theosophia* continues to be published regularly.

A part of our archives, stolen by the Nazis in the beginning of World War II, has been found in Moscow and there is every prospect of our regaining the collection for our archives.

DR W. H. VAN VLEDDER
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

The Indo-Pacific Conference and Annual Convention hosted by HPB Lodge, Auckland, brought together people from different countries and religions. The get-together was both educational and inspirational. It was a privilege to take part in a gathering where the degree of unity and oneness—and ordinary friendship—showed what can be achieved if all move forward together.

There are eight study centres active in discussion and promotion of theosophical teachings. Fifty members and children attended the Easter Camp when a great time was had by all. National lecturer Gavin Laurie visited every Lodge and Study Centre and gave informative talks on various subjects. In addition twenty members also travelled widely between branches and gave talks.

The headquarters library has again had a busy year. Sixty-one new titles were added during the year. Postal

despatches included 385 books and 33 catalogues. The Suitcase Bookshop and Video Library continue to play a valuable role in presenting the overall picture of Theosophy to members and friends. Two educational seminars were conducted by John Cooper on 'A History of World Religions' and 'Yoga'. The former was professionally filmed and is a valuable resource in our video library.

Our magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand* remains one of our best promotional mediums and has been greatly appreciated. We had an increase of 26 in our membership making a total of 1,808.

I believe that provided we can meet the challenge of change positively, our Society will go from strength to strength in spreading its message of understanding and hope.

MR WILLIAM W. JOHNSTONE
General Secretary

NORWAY

By the 30 September the Norwegian Section had 57 members. There is an active lodge in Oslo and meetings in Haugesund. Efforts are under way for more activity in Bergen and Trondheim, two lodges that have been dormant for a few years. The lodge in Stavanger seems the most passive one. We hold public meetings in Oslo, but the attendance is very small.

The autumn of 1991 was devoted to a study of *The Voice of the Silence* with 10-15 participants. In spring 1992 a group of students from the University of

Bergen has been studying the Norwegian Section and its history for their M.A. degree in Comparative Religion. The Section has established a very good relationship with them, and is looking forward to their theses.

Our journal *Teosofi i Norge* is published quarterly. Two issues in 1991 were devoted to the memory of HPB. We are investigating the possibilities to get the Section a permanent home by buying or renting an apartment.

MRS MARIANNE CHEN
General Secretary

PHILIPPINES

The year marked several significant milestones in our history, in addition to the continuation of our many existing programmes. We launched a new publication titled *Peace Ideas* which has been warmly welcomed by the public. Several provincial newspapers have agreed to devote a corner of their weekly paper to it. Our Peace Library awarded prizes to the winners of the Essay Contest on 'What I Can Do to Promote Peace', when the Supreme Court Chief Justice was the guest of honour. Our membership has increased to 416.

Another milestone was the establishment of the TPH, Manila. This makes us the fourth TPH in the world after India, U.S. and London. We also opened a bookshop in Cebu City.

Under a grant from Adyar, we sent Mr Romeo Velarde to the Oct.-Dec. 1992 session of the School of the Wisdom. He is an active worker in charge of lodge development work.

The work in other areas continues, such as the TOS and *Theosophical Digest* magazine, as well as the schools. One college continues to offer a regular course in Theosophical Philosophy—Naga College, Naga City.

We published during the year two important posthumous books by Geoffrey Hodson: *Yogic Ascent to Spiritual Heights* and *Illuminations of the Mystery Tradition*. Also reprinted *Causal Body* by A. E. Powell with permission of TPH London.

The Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation elected the undersigned as its President for three years. The main programme of the Federation is to help weaker sections in Asia as well as help start new groups in countries where there is no TS activity, such as Vietnam, Thailand, China, etc.

MR VICENTE HAO CHIN, JR.
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

The pattern of activities of the Portuguese Section during the year was similar to that of previous years: we had public lectures and symposia every fortnight and branch meetings every week. We have commemorated all theosophical anniversaries.

At the annual convention in March the undersigned was re-elected General Secretary. We now have a good group of workers to help the different activities. The Vice-General Secretary is a very dynamic person and we are improving our work, giving the branches more participation in the work.

Some of our members attended the Iberian Theosophical Week held in August

in Lisbon, Spain. It was a good opportunity for members of the two Sections to share their theosophical experience. Both myself and the Vice-General Secretary attended the Naarden seminar for TS officials and workers conducted by Mrs Radha Burnier.

There have been 44 lapsings of membership during the year due to non-payment of dues, some protesting the increase in annual fees.

The publication of the Section journal *Portugal Teosofico* has been late, but we are preparing two issues for 1992.

We are doing our best to develop the great ideals of Theosophy in our country.

DR MARIA G. NOBRE SANTOS
General Secretary

PUERTO RICO

Public meetings were held on diverse theosophical topics on the first three Sundays of each month. The meetings on last Sunday are for members only when we study the *Mahatma Letters*. These meetings are sponsored by the Section. Lodges also hold regular weekly meetings on various theosophical topics. Our journal *Heraldo Teosofico* is published every quarter. We completed renovation of the Section headquarters during the year.

Many of our members attended the fifth Theosophical Seminar of the Caribbean Basin and also the School of Theosophy held in San Jose, Costa Rica in February 1992. Five of our members attended a one-day seminar in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, when recognition certificates were given to two study groups of that Republic. Good work was done in that one-day seminar in a very fraternal atmosphere.

MR ARAMIS LOPEZ
General Secretary

SPAIN

The work is going on very well, including contacts with the European Federation and Adyar. We have now 348 members in 14 lodges. The Iberian Theosophical Week was held in St. Feliu de Guixols (Spain) attended by 186

members from several countries, including Ianthe Hoskins from England and Isaac Jauli from Mexico. It was a very successful gathering.

Our journal *Sophia* is going on very well, with circulation in other countries

as well. We have revised our rules to conform with the rules of the International Society. We are working on the recovery of our two properties (one in Alicante and the other in Sabadell), but things move slowly. One of our members who died has left to the Section one flat in Madrid. We are trying to sell it and

to buy another centrally located place for the lodges in that city.

The undersigned was re-elected for another three-year term as General Secretary.

DR ANGEL RUBIO ISABEL
General Secretary

SRI LANKA

The two outstanding events during the year were the visits to Sri Lanka of Dr C. V. Agarwal from India (10-25 June 1992) and Mr and Mrs Christopher Parker of Wales who gave several talks. Swami Atmagyanananda, head of the Ramakrishna Mission in Colombo, conducted three meditation meetings for our members. Several other visitors also gave talks, including Mr Peter Randel of U.K., Dr Nirmala Kajaria from Australia, and Sister Ananda from France. In addition we had group discussions. In

the case of several lodges there was very little activity and some were handicapped by the civil war conditions in the north, especially Jaffna.

Steps are being taken to coordinate our work with the Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation. We hope by 1993 some substantial progress could be made to establish a more vigorous programme of theosophical activities in the region, including Sri Lanka.

MR G. J. R. SAMARASINGHA
General Secretary

SWEDEN

The six lodges in the Section have had activities including many lectures on various theosophical themes and also study groups on *The Secret Doctrine*, *Key to Theosophy*, *Space, Time and Self* and the holographic paradigm.

One member attended the European School of Theosophy and another participated in the School of the Wisdom at Adyar. Thirty members participated in our Summer School in July on the theme 'Meditation and Yoga' directed by G. Gautama from Adyar. The way he did it by meditation practice and talks

including questions and discussion, was appreciated by everyone. Mr Curt Berg and myself also gave lectures on yoga.

We now have 198 members. Our journal *Tidlos Visdom* (Timeless Wisdom) was published quarterly by editor Barbro Melander. Our bookshop has been open two and sometimes three days a week. The turnover has increased. Translation of theosophical books into Swedish is continuing.

MRS ING-BRITT WIKLUND
General Secretary

SWITZERLAND

The eight lodges in our Section are active, and the work they are doing is excellent. This year five new members joined our Section which has at present 137 members. In March, we had the

joy of taking part in Geneva in a very interesting seminar given by Tran Thi Kim Dieu on the three objects of the TS.

MME ELIANE GAILLARD
General Secretary

U. S. A.

The past year was a busy and fruitful year for the TS in America. It has been more of a setting and firming of programmes in place than of creating new ones, estimating the value of programmes such as the Fieldwork to make the ancient wisdom available to seekers everywhere. We identified and sent several individuals to Krotona to undertake study in Theosophy, leadership and public speaking skills, and then sending them out to provide public programmes for study groups.

In the TPH there has been increasing coordination of publishing activities, including production and marketing of *The Quest* magazine as its circulation has grown in the last year. The Olcott Library continues to draw the public as do the programmes of the Education Department. We are planning to participate in a big way in the centenary celebration of the first Parliament of World Religions in August 1993 in Chicago.

I will be handing over charge to the newly elected President in June 1993.

Mr Steve Schweitzer was sent by the Section for several weeks to Adyar to prepare a video film about the International Headquarters for world-wide distribution.

The Theosophical Order of Service in the United States, under Jean Gullo, had a wide-ranging programme. A service guide, *Living the Wisdom: A Guide to Social Transformation*, was brought out. 'Circles for Peace' are growing rapidly, involving many in meditation for peace. There are forty-five healing groups. Other activities of the TOS include work for animals, prisoners, and the environment. Interest in the TOS magazine *For the Love of Life* is increasing.

MRS DOROTHY ABBENHOUSE
General Secretary

URUGUAY

No report

WALES

No report

REPORTS OF REGIONAL SECRETARIES

CANADIAN FEDERATION

The past year has been one of transition for the Canadian Federation, following the dissociation of the Canadian Section on 1 January 1992. Although the work in Canada in the past has been greatly hindered, now that we have a united and harmonious group of members, we are progressing steadily, even if slowly, towards a better and brighter future.

The new Blavatsky Lodge was chartered in June and it is now our biggest lodge with a good mix of younger and older members, and an active programme already under way.

The lodges in Calgary, Edmonton and

Toronto are in need of revitalizing, as they are short of younger members.

In 1983, the French-speaking lodges in the Province of Quebec were incorporated under the name of La Societe Theosophique du Quebec. Largely by the efforts of Dr Ton Phan, a very active membership was organized, with a good number of young members. Now that Dr Phan has moved to France, the younger members whom he trained are successfully carrying on the work. They issue an excellent quarterly magazine titled *Ouverture*.

MR HUGH B. JACKSON
Regional Secretary

IRELAND, NORTHERN

Our programme of public activities in the form of talks, tape recordings, questions, open discussions and theosophical 'forums' continued. All the meetings provided opportunity for lively public participation.

Our forty-fourth Annual Convention was held on 31 May with Dr Yves Marcel from France as guest speaker. He gave two lectures on 'The Mission of Theosophists' and 'The Importance of Theosophy in Science'.

There was a reasonable turnout at our study group sessions on Wednesday nights. The books studied included parts

of *The Secret Doctrine*, guided by Prof. Algeo's notes, *The Voice of the Silence* and *Esoteric Christianity*.

The Regional Secretary attended both seminars in Naarden this summer. In the autumn our members intend studying the tapes of the inspiring lectures given there.

At the annual convention business meeting it was decided to give more publicity to the activities of the Society, including advertising in the *Network* magazine.

MRS MARIE HENRY
Organizing Secretary

SLOVENIA

We work in three lodges: Adyar in Ljubljana (the capital of Slovenia), Surya in Koper and Razumevanje (Understanding) in Celje. We held two two-month

training courses for beginners. Our study group studied I. K. Taimni's *God, Man and the Universe* and *Science of Yoga* and comments on *Light on the Path*.

One meeting a month is devoted to discussion of articles published in *The Theosophist*. Our journal *Theosophical Thought* is published regularly and the interest for it is increasing. *Light on the Path* was reprinted.

Mary Anderson visited us in April and October and gave interesting lectures. At our annual convention the undersigned was re-elected to head the TS in Slovenia.

MR ANTON JESSE
Organizing Secretary

REPORTS OF PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES

ASIA, SOUTH-EAST

No report

BOLIVIA

During the year under report, lodges have continued normally with weekly meetings on theosophical themes.

A three-day Summer School held in

Cochabamba in August was organized by Alaya Lodge. It was attended by fifty members from the whole country.

MRS MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO
Presidential Representative

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The theosophical group in Czechoslovakia holds weekly meetings to study *The Voice of the Silence*, and *At the Feet of the Master*. The meetings finish with a group discussion and a cup of tea. Attendance ranges from nine to twenty. We have also organized public lectures in Ostrava and Brno. A five-day summer

school was held in September at a mountain lake near Ostrava, with 28 people attending. We have been publishing a journal since January 1992, entitled *Lotos*, for members and other interested persons.

MR IVAN MEKYS KOZSLOVSKY
Presidential Representative

DENMARK

There was no major change during the year from the two previous years. Total membership is twenty, of which ten are in the White Lotus Lodge, the only lodge for the time being. The lodge holds regular meetings twice a month and studies *The Divine Plan* and *Light on the Path*.

The court case to regain the TS premises, library, etc. from the former General Secretary who transferred all the assets to a new organization formed by him under the name 'Teosofisk Forening Denmark', is scheduled for judgement in January 1993.

MR UFFE VILSTRUP
Presidential Representative

HUNGARY

After 40 years of clandestine meetings, the theosophical movement in Hungary, as well as in other parts of East Europe, has had a vivid reactivation from 1990. The spirit of freedom and efforts to understand and as far as possible to realize the Truth cannot be extinguished—as it was also proved in the Soviet empire, where the oppression was much longer. Now that communist oppression is over, we are facing other kinds of widescale chaotic phenomena.

During 1990-91 we held meetings every second Thursday for introductory talks and discussions with an attendance of 18-25. The Theosophical Society was officially registered as a legal entity in Hungary in June 1991. Twenty-six persons in Budapest and two other towns have become members. Activities at present include open meetings for members and friends (about 15-20 attending)

and two study groups (Taimni, yoga, relaxation and meditation). Visitors from abroad included the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the European Federation, Joy Mills, Prof. Krishna from India and others from the USA, Germany, England, Holland and Austria. With help from international funds and from the Spanish Section, we have printed 13 books, ten being reprints, as well as a series of introductory letters for new members.

We are in a period of disaster and in the throes of a new era. Theosophy is and the TS can be the way of life, to offer a possible method, to contribute to solve the tremendous and difficult problems of these most crucial times of fundamental changes.

MR LASZLO REICHER

Presidential Representative

IRELAND

As we have had a quiet year, we have been considering making changes in our meetings. We now have only one public meeting per month at which we have a guest speaker. On the first Monday of the month we have a talk on some aspect of meditation, followed by meditation, and on the other Mondays we have a talk by a member on some aspect of Theosophy, followed by discussion. We

find that a good deal of teaching can be done by this method.

Visitors during the year were Dr and Mrs Yves Marcel, Miss Marja Artamaa of Finland and Miss Ruth Beringer from Australia. We very much enjoy these informal visits.

The undersigned attended both seminars held in Naarden in July.

MRS WIN WOODS

Presidential Representative

PAKISTAN

No report

PERU

Two public meetings in February 1992 attracted an audience of a hundred people. From August we are conducting Theosophical Colloquiums every month. A study course in March drew only 13 persons. Both lodges continued their joint meetings every Wednesday. In addition to talks, we studied *The Etheric Body* of Arthur Powell from September 1991 to March 1992. We have started study of *Human Regeneration* by Mrs Radha Burnier. We now have 30 members. We expect to have more

members in the coming year as we are planning to make more publicity and hold monthly public meetings. We had several guest speakers during the year: Ulisses Resende (Brazil), Walter Ballesteros and Antonio Martinez (Colombia), Marilia Pinto (Brazil), and Alfredo Puig (Cuba). These visits gave a strong impetus to our work. We have framed new rules because of the change as a Presidential Agency.

MR JULIO GERARDO POMAR
Presidential Representative

SCOTLAND

The main theosophical centres at Edinburgh and Glasgow have had regular programmes for members and the public. Edinburgh offers a weekly programme of talks followed by discussion. The group outings from Edinburgh continued during the spring and summer months, helping to cement friendships and complementing some of the evening talks.

Glasgow continued its varied programme with a study course commencing in September. The lodge buildings in both Glasgow and Edinburgh were given major repairs. The libraries in both

places are well used and the video section has introduced Theosophy to enquirers and is used for discussion groups.

We now have a membership of 155. Our magazine *Circles* continues to be well received and is distributed at home and abroad. Unattached members receive regular correspondence and study course material; we endeavour, as much as possible, to make them feel part of the Society in Scotland.

MRS MARGARET T. SENIOR
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

We have three active lodges with 44 members holding regular meetings and study classes. We had the benefit of several lecturers from the Inter-American Federation: Carlos Lopez Cerdan Ripoll,

Daniza Gonzalez, Gabriel Burgos, Julia Ballesteros and Antonio Martinez.

MR EFRAIM ALVAREZ
Presidential Representative

REPORTS OF FEDERATIONS

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The Vice-Chairman and I visited theosophical groups in Budapest (Hungary) and in Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) in March 1992, as well as Vienna in Austria. Public and members' meetings proved very useful. In May I visited Lithuania and spoke before large audiences several times and also in more intimate groups.

Personal contacts were kept by members in Finland and Germany, who have visited in particular Russia and the Baltic States and tried to give what material and moral help they could. It is part of the duties of the Federation, in cooperation with Adyar, to see to it that, gradually, the Society itself takes shape in different Eastern European countries. To this

end we have started a Financial Aid Fund to enable inviting future workers to such events as the Naarden seminars. Another important need is the supply of appropriate theosophical books to Eastern European countries.

During the year the usual national and international gatherings were held, including summer schools in different countries and in different languages (already reported by various countries). We look forward to the video and film on 'The Life of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky' under preparation in England, which should be a valuable help in spreading Theosophy.

MR CURT BERG
Chairman

INDO-PACIFIC FEDERATION

No report

INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION

During the year 1992, the Inter-American Federation organized several lecture tours of Central and South America by eminent Theosophists to promote and stimulate the work of the Theosophical Society. They included Juan Carlos Palmeri from Argentina; Mrs Isis Resende, Ulisses Borges, Ulisses Riedel de Resende, Ricardo Lindemann and Mrs Marilia Andrade Pinto from Brazil; Walter Bal-

lesteros, Antonio Martinez, and Gabriel Burgos from Colombia; Alfredo Puig Figueroa from Cuba; Carlos Lopez Cerdan Ripoll and Mrs Daniza Gonzales from Mexico; and Mrs Dolores Gago de Fuerte from Uruguay.

In May 1992, the Council of the Federation met in Melgar, Colombia, presided over by its President, Ulisses Riedel de Resende, in which the following countries

were represented: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Uruguay. Among the decisions taken were to publish a Federation journal for the general public, arrange for regular lecture tours of the

area, and encourage study of the book *Principles of Theosophical Work* by Dr I. K. Taimni to stimulate TS work.

MR RICARDO LINDEMANN
Secretary

REPORTS OF LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

COMILLA (BANGLADESH)

No report

HONG KONG

No report

TEL-AVIV (ISRAEL)

During the year under report we continued with the activities of the earlier year. Three introductory courses on Theosophy were held and a new one started at the end of October 1992. Two advanced courses were completed for non-members and a third started in October 1992. Public lectures were held fortnightly in a rented hall and from July onward in our new home in Tel-Aviv. The purchase of the lodge premise for US \$80,000 was from a generous donation of a dedicated member, Mr Vitaly Rubissa. A one-day seminar was held outdoors in a forest near Tel-Aviv on the theme 'Living in the Light' attended by 150 participants. Weekly meetings of members were held regularly as well as a

monthly study of *The Secret Doctrine*. Our magazine *Or (Light)* was published regularly and completed its fourth year.

A new activity started in December 1991 is a monthly gathering 'Unity Evening', consisting of meditation, talks and music at which we usually have 50-100 participants. Prof. John Algeo from the US visited us in August and gave an illuminating talk on the *Bhagavad Gita* for Today. We now have 38 members, a small increase from the previous year. We hope to bring the light of Theosophy to more minds and hearts during the coming year.

MR ABRAHAM ORON
President

JAPAN

Study meetings were held in the three lodges in Japan—Nippon, Nagoya and Osaka. The Nippon Lodge is the centre of Theosophical activity in Japan. Meetings are held on third Saturdays and Mr Jeff Clark is the leader.

A special week-end was held 24-25 May attended by thirty members, some of them from Nagoya and Osaka lodges. Jeff and I gave talks on the theme 'Theosophy as the Living Way'.

Three of our members attended the Indo-Pacific Conference.

Efforts are under way to enroll more members and start new lodges.

I am sorry that rheumatoid arthritis prevented my active participation in TS work for the last three years. However, I am on my way to recovery and hope to devote more time for TS work.

MRS EMIKO TANAKA
President, Nippon Lodge

KOREA

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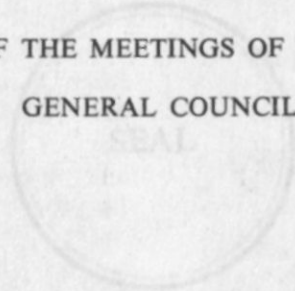
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Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

Sutton, Madras

Dated 3rd April 1995

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled 'An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860', that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.

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(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR

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THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED 17 NOVEMBER 1875, INCORPORATED 3 APRIL 1905

*In the matter of Act XXI 1860 of the Acts of Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author [for 2 years]

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired, Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. The Founders

Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of 'President-Founder', and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. Income and property applied to promotion of objects

The income and property of the Society,

whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. Members of General Council not answerable

No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. Vesting of Property on dissolution

If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions,

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM GLENNY KEAGEY

" ARTHUR RICHARDSON

" PYARE LAL

" PEROZE P. MEHERJEE

having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy, at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. Filing of Rules and Regulations, Memorandum

A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this...day of March 1905.

(Sd.) H.S. OLCOTT

" W.A. ENGLISH

" SUBRAMANIAM

" FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE

" UPENDRA NATH BASU

" ANNIE BESANT

" N.D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED 'THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY', ADYAR, MADRAS

1. General Council

The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. Members of the General Council

(a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than 12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. Removal of General Council members and officers

It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society

and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. Meetings of the General Council

(a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council, the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. Resolutions

(a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than three months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. Quorum

The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting

shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. Who Shall Preside

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. President

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. President's term of office

The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. Election of President

The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of The Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinafter detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct

the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council shall be entitled to make one nomination.

The nominator shall be responsible for ensuring that his nomination(s) reaches the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nomination.

The nominee shall be responsible for notifying the Secretary, within the above-mentioned period of his acceptance of nomination. One written consent shall suffice for all nominations for that nominee.

(d) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the

last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

However, in the event of a nominee dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, between the date of the call for nominations and the despatch of the voting list, the nomination procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the results to the

Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list the vote shall be taken on a 'For' or 'Against' ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a 'For' or 'Against' ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last

official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

11. Nomination and election of Vice-President; his duties

(a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. Appointment of Secretary and other officials

The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. Nomination and election of Treasurer

The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. Appointment of Executive Committee

(a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members.

Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-option.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

(i) The power to amend or repeal the Rules;

(ii) The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;

(iii) Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. Meetings of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. Quorum of Executive Committee

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. Chairman of Executive Committee

The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting

and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. President Custodian of archives; Executive Officer; power to make temporary and provisional appointments

The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. Receipt of moneys

All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. Deposits, Signatories

The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. Power of Attorney

(a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and

from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and release, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

Investments

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, Unit Trust of India, Term Deposits in Scheduled Banks, fixed deposits and bonds of Government of India undertakings or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

Disposal of Adyar Estate

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a

resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

Transfer of investments and other property

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. Affixing of Seal, Signatures

(a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or Secretary or where the Executive Committee finds that either of them is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President or Secretary as the case may be.

Transfer of movable property

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21(a).

23. President may Sue

The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. Secretary to affix Seal

The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. Death or resignation of President

On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

26. Headquarters

Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. Permission to reside

The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person use of any premises or portion thereof in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying such premises under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period. When circumstances warrant it, the fortnight's notice may be dispensed with and

the person shall quit immediately when required to do so.

28. Eligibility for membership

Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. Admission to membership

(a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) Admission to membership shall be at the discretion of the National Society or the international Secretary, as the case may be.

Membership Date

(c) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(d) Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodges (Branches) in which they hold full membership.

(e) Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or where the civil code or corporate law prohibits restrictions on voting rights, the General Secretary, or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Where such waiver becomes necessary, alternative safeguards shall be provided to ensure that the character of the Society is preserved in all its duly constituted bodies, and properties safeguarded.

30. Lodges and Fellows within a National Society

Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may, while retaining his membership of that National Society, belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. Lodges and Fellows within a National Society but attached direct to Adyar or to another National Society

(a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as

possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a

vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favour thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges and Fellows where no National Society exists

Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Formation of a Lodge

Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded

to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or the international Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. President grants, refuses Charters

The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. Formation of a National Society

(a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

Formation of a Section

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter

shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

Formation of a Regional Association

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgement territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

Appointment of Presidential Representatives

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. Authority of Charters and Diplomas

(a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or Regional Association, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

(c) The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

Minimum number of members for National Society

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below

five, the President may, at his discretion withdraw its Charter.

In the event of the Charter not being withdrawn, the General Secretary of the Section concerned shall cease to have voting rights as a member of the General Council until the necessary numerical strength is recovered.

37. Rules of Lodges and National Societies

Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows:

(a) In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society, and shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt by the General Secretary of the National Society.

(b) In the case of a National Society, or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society, or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the international President, and shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within nine months of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception

was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. General Secretary

(a) Every National Society shall elect a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

(b) The General Secretary shall be elected according to the procedure laid down in the rules and regulations of the National Society for a term not exceeding three years. He shall, however, be eligible for re-election for a further term or terms, if the rules of the National Society permit it.

(c) The General Secretary shall generally reside within the area of the National Society and shall not be absent from the area for any period or periods exceeding the limit prescribed by the National Society.

(d) General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years immediately

prior to their election to the office concerned. Provided that in special circumstances, the National Council or Committee shall have power to waive the requirements of this rule.

39. Annual Report

The General Secretary of each National Society, the Regional Secretaries, Presidential Representatives and Secretaries of Lodges directly attached to Adyar shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work, along with an audited financial statement of accounts with an English translation where necessary; and at any time furnish any further information the President or the General Council may desire.

40. National Societies known as Sections

National Societies hitherto known as Sections which have been incorporated under the name of 'The...Section of The T.S.' before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

41. Fees and Subscriptions

The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society; for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); of Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual Subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association, or Presidential Agency for

Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the bylaws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large: Fees and Subscriptions

Fellows-at-large resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the bylaws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. National Societies: Fees to Adyar

(a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

Presidential Agencies: Dues

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President

at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43(a).

44. Cancellation of Charter or dissolution of National Society or Lodge

In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

Vesting of property of National Society or Lodge

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(c) except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest (as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society

except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Revival or transfer of Charter

(c) Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgement shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking

any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. Financial accounts

The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

46. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within nine months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. World Congress

Not more than once in every seven

years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

48. Special meetings

The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

49. Changes in Rules and Regulations

The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. Bylaws

The General Council may frame bylaws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bylaws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

APPENDIX

A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining The Theosophical Society (e) work done for The Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting papers shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope labelled 'Voting Result. Section', seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by airmail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting

list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by airmail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked 'Duplicate'.

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

DIRECTORY

Ex-Officio Members of the General Council

President: MRS RADHA BURNIER

Vice-President: MR SURENDRA NARAYAN

Secretary: MR PEDRO R. M. OLIVEIRA

Treasurer: MR A. SABRY

National Societies, Regional Associations and Presidential Agencies

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1947	Africa, East and Central	... Mr Kiran H. Shah	... 55A Third Avenue Parklands, P.O. Box 48507, Nairobi, Kenya
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1956	Africa, West	... Mr P. B. Kwakyi	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	... Mrs Pilar Madrigal Nieto	... Apartado 797, 1000 San José, Costa Rica
1920	Argentina	... Miss Silvia Blajer	... Pje. Florencio Balcarce 71, 1405 Buenos Aires
1990	Asia, South-East †	... Dr C. V. Agarwal	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221 010, India
1895	Australia	... Miss Joy Mills	... 4th Flr., 484 Kent St., Sydney, N.S.W. 2000
1912	Austria	... Mrs Margaret Lauppert	... Postfach 655, A—8011, Graz
1911	Belgium	... Dr H. van der Hecht	... 166 Rue de la Cambre, 1200 Brussels
1965	Bolivia †	... Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	... Casilla 2083, La Paz
1920	Brazil	... Mr Ulisses Riedel de Resende	... Sociedade Teosofica no Brazil, SGAS—Quadra 603, No. 20 CEP 70200-630 Brazilia (DF)
1924	Canada*	... Mr Hugh Jackson	... 158, Crescent Rd. (Apt. 311) Toronto, Ont. M4W 1V2
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1888	England	... Mr Adam Warcup	... 50 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HJ
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1897	Netherlands	... Mrs Ali Ritsema	... Tolstraat 154, 1074 VM Amsterdam
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MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held on 25 December 1992 at Adyar

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the chair) and proxy for West Africa, Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu, the Philippines, USA and France</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Austria, Germany, Cuba, Curt Berg and Gool Minwalla</i>
Mr Pedro R. M. Oliveira	<i>Secretary and proxy for Australia, Mexico, Central America, Norway and Argentina</i>
Mr A. Sabry	<i>Treasurer</i>
Dr C. V. Agarwal	<i>General Secretary, India and proxy for East and Central Africa</i>
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Finland</i>
Mr S. S. Varma	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Belgium and Italy</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Joy Mills</i>

Present by invitation as Observers

Mr A. V. Raval, East Africa
Mr Ricardo Lindemann, Brazil
Mr Boudewijn Haas, Holland
Dr Hugh Gray, England
Mrs Kyllikki Vuorinen, Finland

The President extended a warm welcome to the members of the General Council and others present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the General Council held at Adyar on 25 December 1991 and 1 January 1992, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) Denmark

The President reported that the court case is still pending, a hearing being due some time in 1993. In spite of difficulties, the work goes on in that country under the guidance of Mrs Edel Scharstein, Presidential Representative, and a devoted band of members.

(b) *World Congress*

The Secretary gave an account of the preparations under way in Brazil. The General Secretary, Mr Ulisses Resende, has sent out a circular letter with detailed information about the event to all Sections, Regional Associations and Presidential Agencies. A first draft of the programme was sent to well-known Theosophists asking for suggestions and comments. A Watch-Tower note in *The Theosophist* has also drawn attention to the event and the theme.

(c) *Sections without Minimum Requirements*

At its last meeting the General Council had decided that Wales should be offered the alternative of joining the English Section or becoming a Presidential Agency. After being notified about this decision, Mrs Elise T. Probert, General Secretary, wrote to the President proposing another alternative, namely, for the Theosophical Society in Wales to become a Regional Association. The General Council decided to accept the proposal.

The situation in Chile seems to be improving, but the Section still functions below the minimum required by the Rules. It was decided to watch the developments in the Section before a decision is taken.

(d) *Former Yugoslavia*

The President reported that the Charter of the Yugoslav Section was cancelled earlier in the year and that a Certificate of Regional Association was issued for the three Lodges in Slovenia, now known as the Theosophical Society in Slovenia.

(e) *Myanmar (Burma)*

The political situation has practically stopped the theosophical work there. The Secretary reported that some contact was established indirectly.

(f) *Czechoslovakia*

Mr Ivan Mekys Kozlovsky was appointed Presidential Representative for the Czech and Slovak Republics. It is reported that the government there is discriminative of non-Christian groups and difficulties have arisen.

(g) *Greece*

The Secretary reported that after a long interval contact was again established with the General Secretary during this year, but very little is known about the work going on there.

(h) *Canada*

After the TS in Canada dissociated itself from the International Society by changing its by-laws, special efforts were made to strengthen the work of the Canadian Federation. A new lodge has been chartered in Vancouver (Blavatsky Lodge) which has brought enthusiasm to the work of the Federation. It may be chartered as the Canadian Section of the TS since it already has enough members and lodges.

The President reported that Mr Stan Treolar has written very offensive letters and therefore it was decided not to correspond with him.

(i) *Russia*

The President reported that various contacts have been made. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the European Federation participated in a seminar in St. Petersburg; they also went to Moscow. Three books—*At the Feet of the Master*, *An Outline of Theosophy* and *The Ancient Wisdom* were published in Russian by the Vasanta Press, Adyar and are being distributed through the European Federation. But, the situation in Russia is not yet very clear.

(j) *The Philippines*

A Theosophical Publishing House was established in Manila, and it is announced that a chronological edition of *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett* will be published.

3. Confirmation of Voting

(a) *Amendment to Rule 29(e)*

The following amendment to Rule 29(e) had been circulated for voting (changes in italics):

Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), *or where the civil code or corporate law prohibits restrictions on voting rights*, the General Secretary, or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Where such waiver becomes necessary, alternative safeguards shall be provided to ensure that the character of the Society is preserved in all its duly constituted bodies, and properties safeguarded.

The result of the voting was:

For	Against	Abstained	Invalid	Total
33	—	2	—	35

Having received the required number of votes, the amendment was declared adopted.

(b) *Election of Mr Surendra Narayan as Vice-President for the years 1993, 1994 and 1995*

The President had nominated Mr Surendra Narayan as Vice-President under Rule 11(a) of the Rules and Regulations.

The voting was:

For	Against	Abstained	Invalid	Total
30	—	5	—	35

Mr Surendra Narayan was declared elected as Vice-President of the Theosophical Society for the years 1993, 1994 and 1995.

(c) *Election of five Additional Members for the years 1993, 1994 and 1995*

The President had nominated the following five persons under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations as Additional Members of the General Council.

The result of the voting was:

Name	For	Against	Abstained	Invalid	Total
Dr Hugh Shearman	33	—	2	—	35
Mr S. S. Varma	32	—	3	—	35
Mr Curt Berg	33	—	2	—	35
Miss Ianthe Hoskins	34	—	1	—	35
Miss Mary Anderson	34	—	1	—	35

All the five persons named above were declared elected as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1993, 1994 and 1995.

4. Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1992

The report for the year ending 30 September 1992, which had been previously circulated, was presented by the Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan. Grants had been made for publishing *At the Feet of the Master* in Akan Twi language to the West African Section.

5. Report of the International Finance Committee

The Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, presented the report of the International Finance Committee for the year ending 30 September 1992.

6. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30 September 1992

Salient points from the minutes of the Executive Committee were presented by the Secretary.

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1993:

Mrs Radha Burnier	President (ex-officio)
Mr Surendra Narayan	Vice-President "
Mr Pedro R. M. Oliveira	Secretary "
Mr A. Sabry	Treasurer "
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	General Council Member
Mr S. S. Varma	" " "
Mr K. Viswanathan	" " "
Mr D. K. Govindaraj	" " "
Mr R. Gopalaratnam	" " "

7. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 1992

The Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ending 31 March 1992, which had been previously circulated, were considered. It was noted that the financial position of the Society is satisfactory. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

8. Budget for the year ending 31 March 1994

The budget for the year ending 31 March 1994, which had been previously circulated, was considered and adopted unanimously.

9. Auditors for the year ending 31 March 1994

Messrs Fraser and Ross were appointed as auditors of the Theosophical Society for the year ending 31 March 1994 on the same terms and conditions as before.

10. Work around the World

The President pointed out that membership was going down in some Sections, particularly England, France and U.S.A. It was noted that the policy of having less lodges and more unattached members may be a reason for this decrease in membership. Learning to cooperate in a group is an important part of the Society's work. Also a dogmatic approach may contribute to keep out seekers. The universality of Theosophy and its relevance for a deep transformation of the human mind should not be lost sight of.

11. Any Other Business

The President reported that the historic jewel said to have belonged to Count Cagliostro which was given by HPB to Colonel Olcott and had been bequeathed in his will to the TS, was recently returned by Mr K. Sankara Menon, President of Kalakshetra. The General Council expressed its thankfulness to Mr Sankara Menon for his help.

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